

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1880**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Elizabeth A. Poirier*

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to lights for ambulances, fire apparatus and law enforcement vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>

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By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1880) of Elizabeth A. Poirier, Mathew Muratore and Richard J. Ross relative to lights for ambulances, fire apparatus and law enforcement vehicles. Transportation.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3066 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to lights for ambulances, fire apparatus and law enforcement vehicles.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Section 7E of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after the sixth paragraph the following paragraph:-

3           Notwithstanding the preceding paragraphs, a manufacturer or distributor of flashing,  
4 rotating or oscillating red or blue lights for use by fire apparatus, ambulances and law  
5 enforcement vehicles, may mount or display flashing, rotating or oscillating blue or red lights in  
6 any direction on a vehicle registered to such manufacturer or distributor and for which the  
7 manufacturer or distributor possesses a permit issued by the registrar for conducting sales  
8 demonstrations; provided, however, the manufacturer or distributor shall not demonstrate or  
9 engage in flashing, rotating or oscillating such lights except (i) at a location owned and operated  
10 by the manufacturer or distributor; (ii) on a specific date and location to be approved in writing

11 by the chief of police of the city or town where a demonstration is to occur; (iii) in an enclosed  
12 area; or (iv) in the presence of a sworn police officer or other authorized employee of a law  
13 enforcement, fire or emergency response agency at their direction. The registrar may promulgate  
14 rules and regulations necessary to carry out the provisions of this paragraph.