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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian S. Dempsey and Thomas A. Golden, Jr.

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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to funeral home vehicle lights..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Brian S. Dempsey	*3rd Essex*
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	*16th Middlesex*

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By Messrs. Dempsey of Haverhill and Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3390) of Brian S. Dempsey and Thomas A. Golden, Jr. relative to the use of alternating flashing headlights and fog lights by contracted vehicles in a funeral procession. Transportation.

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An Act relative to funeral home vehicle lights..

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

Section 1. Section 7E of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

A vehicle either owned or leased by a funeral home establishment, a licensed or registered certified funeral director, or a livery company and operated by a funeral director, an employee or an independent contractor of a funeral home may have mounted thereon flashing, rotating or oscillating purple/violet, amber and or clear/white lights. Such vehicle may have alternating flashing headlights and fog lights, and display a flashing, rotating or oscillating red light in the opposite direction in which the vehicle is proceeding facing rearward on the vehicle. Such lights shall only be illuminated when such owner or operator is proceeding in a funeral procession as defined in chapter 310 of the Acts of 2010, or responding to a fatality on behalf of the Chief Medical Examiner's Office and at no other time. A permit for the vehicle or use of said lights shall not be required from the Registrar of Motor Vehicles.

All vehicles in a funeral procession may display the vehicle hazard warning signals.