

HOUSE No. 1792

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carlos Gonzalez

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 authorizing cities and towns to establish reduced maximum tow rates during certain declared emergencies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Gonzalez of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1792) of Carlos Gonzalez and others relative to authorizing cities and towns to establish reduced maximum tow rates during certain declared emergencies. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act authorizing cities and towns to establish reduced maximum tow rates during certain declared emergencies.

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

1 Chapter 159B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 6B the
2 following section:-

3 Section 6B1/2. A city or town that accepts this section may establish a reduced maximum
4 rate for the involuntary towing away of motor vehicles within the city or town’s jurisdiction
5 when such towing is ordered by the police or other public authority due to a parking violation
6 during a declared snow emergency, natural disaster or extreme weather-related emergency, or
7 state of emergency related to the threat of a natural disaster; provided, that the reduced maximum
8 rate shall be equal to one-half of the maximum rate otherwise applicable in said city or town
9 pursuant to section 6B. A city or town that establishes a reduced maximum rate pursuant to this
10 section shall include, in any contract between said city or town and a tow service provider to
11 provide tow services, a provision stating this reduced maximum rate.