

HOUSE No. 3735

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

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 licensed funeral home vehicles.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James Arciero

Mr. James Dolan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Middlesex

*Dolan Funeral Home, 106 Middlesex Street,
Chelmsford, MA 01863*

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By Mr. Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3735) of James Arciero and James Dolan relative to licensed funeral home vehicles. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to licensed funeral home 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 14A of chapter 85 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (h) Notwithstanding clause (5) of subsection (d), chapter 90 or any other general or
4 special law to the contrary, a vehicle that is owned or leased by a funeral home establishment, a
5 licensed or registered certified funeral director or a livery company, that is being operated by a
6 funeral director or an employee or independent contractor of a funeral home, may, without a
7 permit or assignment from the registrar of motor vehicles: (1) be equipped with mounted
8 flashing, rotating or oscillating purple, violet, amber, clear or white lights and alternating
9 flashing headlights or fog lights; and (2) display a flashing, rotating or oscillating red light in the
10 opposite direction from which the vehicle is proceeding when the vehicle is moving forward.
11 Such lights shall only be illuminated when the owner or operator is proceeding in a funeral
12 procession or responding to a fatality on behalf of the chief medical examiner.

- 13 All vehicles in a funeral procession may display the vehicle hazard warning signals, also
- 14 known as 4-way flashers.