

# Public Safety and Security Committee

## JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

**Bill No:** SB-407 / [Bill Status](#) / [Public Hearing Testimony](#)

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE COMMISSIONER OF MOTOR VEHICLES TO ISSUE PERMITS ALLOWING ORGAN TRANSPORT VEHICLES TO USE

**Title:** CERTAIN LIGHTS.

**Vote Date:** 3/17/2026

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/12/2026

**File No.:**

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### SPONSORS OF BILL:

Public Safety and Security Committee

### REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill was raised in order to authorize the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to issue permits to allow for organ transplant vehicles to red, blue, yellow, and/or white lights. This provision intends to grant better visibility and facilitate faster transport of organs, particularly in a time of need.

### RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

None Expressed.

### NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

**[Sean M. Fitzpatrick, Chief Public Affairs Officer, New England Donor Services](#):** While Mr. Fitzpatrick testifies in support of this bill, he states that the phrasing in lines 8-11 should be changed to clarify that an organ transplant vehicle is one equipped with lights and sirens. Mr. Fitzpatrick states that NEDS does not equip vehicles with lights or sirens, and they do not seek to operate emergency vehicles. However, there are other transplant companies who wish to use lights and sirens.

**[Timothy J. Snyder, Vice President of OPO Relations, Legislative Affairs, Quality and Safety for the Nationwide Organ Recovery Transport Alliance \(NORA\)](#):** Mr. Snyder states that NORA vehicles are prohibited from using lights and sirens while EMS systems are

focused on 911 emergency responses. He states that this makes organ transport secondary to 911 emergencies. According to Mr. Snyder, delays can jeopardize organ viability and patient outcomes. He claims that the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles should allow organ transplant vehicles to have lights and sirens when medically necessary.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

None Expressed.

**Reported by:** Emma Rybacki, Clerk  
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**Date:** 3/27/26