

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1879**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Cleon H. Turner*

*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 coverage of medical emergency communication costs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/23/2013</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>1/29/2013</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/1/2013</i>
<i>Brian R. Mannel</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>1/23/2013</i>

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By Mr. Turner of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1879) of Cleon H. Turner and others relative to defraying the costs incurred by municipalities for certain emergency medical and public safety services. Municipalities and Regional Government.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2333 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to coverage of medical emergency communication costs.

*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 1. Section 5F of Chapter 40 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2008  
2 official edition is hereby amended line 5 of the first paragraph by inserting after the word  
3 “ambulances; and” the words “, and other fire equipment ;”

4           SECTION 2. Said section is hereby further amended in line 8 by inserting after the word  
5 “exercise” the words “ ; and (3) purchasing hiring, maintaining police equipment and personnel  
6 for accident response and investigation and false alarm response and investigation. ”

7           SECTION 3. Said section is hereby further amended by inserting after the last paragraph  
8 the following words: For the purposes of this section, the term “cost” shall include the fiscal cost  
9 of maintaining and operating any emergency medical dispatch system that links the emergency  
10 vehicle of transport with hospitals or health care facilities. Such cost shall be a covered medical  
11 care expense for any health care insurer doing business in Massachusetts