

SENATE No. 1141

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. Downing

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 volunteer ambulance service.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Benjamin B. Downing</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1141) of Benjamin B. Downing, Paul W. Mark and Marjorie C. Decker for legislation relative to volunteer ambulance service. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1007 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to volunteer ambulance service.

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. Chapter 111c of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition is hereby amended by striking out section 25 and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section:-

4 Section 25. (a) When a class I, II or V ambulance transports a patient receiving care at the
5 paramedic level of advanced life support the ambulance shall be staffed in accordance with
6 regulations promulgated by the department, with a minimum of 2 emergency medical
7 technicians, only 1 of whom shall be certified at the EMT-Paramedic level; provided, however,
8 that the service staffing a class I, II or V ambulance may staff the ambulance with more than 1
9 emergency medical technician certified at the EMT-Paramedic level.

10 (b) When a class I, II or V ambulance operated by a volunteer ambulance service
11 provider transports a patient receiving care at the non-paramedic level of basic life support, the
12 ambulance shall be staffed in accordance with regulations promulgated by the department, with
13 at least 1 emergency medical technician who is certified at minimum at the EMT-Basic level,
14 and 1 EMS first responder; provided, however, that the service staffing a class I, II or V
15 ambulance may staff the ambulance with more than 1 emergency medical technician.

16 SECTION 2: The department shall promulgate such rules and regulations as are
17 necessary to implement the provisions of this section.