

SENATE No. 1142

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 emergency and disaster planning for health care providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

James B. Eldridge

Middlesex and Worcester

Leonard Mirra

2nd Essex

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1142) of James B. Eldridge and Leonard Mirra for legislation relative to emergency and disaster planning for health care providers. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1012 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act relative to emergency and disaster planning for health care providers.

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 12B of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new paragraph:-

3 No health care provider, as defined in section 1 of chapter 111 or a health care provider
4 licensed under chapter 112, shall be further liable in a suit for damages or administrative
5 sanctions as a result of good-faith acts or omissions while engaged in the performance of their
6 duties in rendering emergency care, treatment, advice, or assistance during a statewide or
7 regional emergency, pandemic, or disaster.