

SENATE No. 2294

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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; provided,
16 further, that this subsection shall apply only to municipalities with a population of 3,000
17 residents or less or to municipalities with a population density of 500 residents per square mile or
18 less.

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