

HOUSE No. 3377

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Elizabeth A. Malia

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:
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3377) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others for legislation to exempt health care providers from liability when rendering certain emergency care. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2322 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

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 2016
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 federal, state, or
7 local disaster or emergency situation, including but not limited to public health emergencies.