

# SENATE . . . . . No. 1403

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Ryan C. Fattman*

*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 to provide automated external defibrillators in all public safety vehicles.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                    | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:            |                  |
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| <i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>   | <i>Worcester and Norfolk</i> |                  |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i> | <i>1st Barnstable</i>        | <i>1/25/2019</i> |
| <i>Joseph D. McKenna</i> | <i>18th Worcester</i>        | <i>1/31/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i>  | <i>Second Worcester</i>      | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i>  | <i>8th Worcester</i>         | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |
| <i>Brian W. Murray</i>   | <i>10th Worcester</i>        | <i>2/1/2019</i>  |

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By Mr. Fattman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1403) of Ryan C. Fattman, Timothy R. Whelan, Joseph D. McKenna, Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide automated external defibrillators in all public safety vehicles. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act to provide automated external defibrillators in all public safety vehicles.

*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 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after 2VVVV the following section:-

3           Section 2WWWW. There shall be established and set upon the books of the  
4 commonwealth a separate fund to be known as the Automatic External Defibrillator Trust Fund.  
5 The secretary of public safety and security shall administer the fund and make expenditures from  
6 the fund in the form of grants to municipalities for the purchase of automated external  
7 defibrillators for public safety and first responder vehicles. The fund shall be credited with: (i)  
8 any revenue from appropriations or other monies authorized by the general court and specifically  
9 designated to be credited to the fund; (ii) any gifts, grants, private contributions or investment  
10 income earned on the assets of the fund; and (iii) revenues, not more than \$1,000,000 in a  
11 calendar year, . Any money in the fund at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the General  
12 Fund but shall remain available for expenditure in subsequent fiscal years. The secretary shall

annually, not later than December 31, report on the activity of the fund to the clerks of the senate and house of representatives and the senate and house committees on ways and means.

SECTION 2. Chapter 33 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after section 7E the following section:-

7E1/2. Any motor vehicle owned or operated by a city or town police or fire department in the commonwealth and used for official business shall be equipped with at least one AED, as defined in section 12V1/2 of chapter 112.

SECTION 3. Section 35E7/8 of chapter 90 of the General Laws, as inserted by section 3 of chapter 137 of the acts of 2018, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (a) the following subsection:-

(b) There shall be a public safety vehicle equipment surcharge of \$0.50 imposed upon each vehicular rental transaction in the commonwealth. The surcharge shall be in accordance with section 32E3/4 and shall be deposited in the Automatic External Defibrillator Trust Fund established in section 2WWW of chapter 29; provided, however, that not more than \$1,000,000 collected from the surcharge in a calendar year be deposited into the fund; and provided further, that any amount collected from the surcharge above \$1,000,000 in a calendar year shall be deposited into the General Fund. The surcharge shall not apply to transportation network companies or to rental periods of less than 24 hours that are charged on an hourly basis.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2021.