

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2781**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Soter***

*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 public safety telecommunicators with the same internal benefits as first responders.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                           | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                    | DATE ADDED:       |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Michael J. Soter</i>         | <i>8th Worcester</i>                 | <i>2/9/2021</i>   |
| <i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>        | <i>18th Worcester</i>                | <i>2/12/2021</i>  |
| <i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>      | <i>1st Hampshire</i>                 | <i>2/12/2021</i>  |
| <i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>       | <i>2nd Franklin</i>                  | <i>2/12/2021</i>  |
| <i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>        | <i>5th Barnstable</i>                | <i>2/16/2021</i>  |
| <i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i> | <i>13th Middlesex</i>                | <i>2/23/2021</i>  |
| <i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>     | <i>1st Worcester</i>                 | <i>2/23/2021</i>  |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i>         | <i>Second Worcester</i>              | <i>2/23/2021</i>  |
| <i>Hannah Kane</i>              | <i>11th Worcester</i>                | <i>2/23/2021</i>  |
| <i>David Allen Robertson</i>    | <i>19th Middlesex</i>                | <i>2/25/2021</i>  |
| <i>John C. Velis</i>            | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>  | <i>2/26/2021</i>  |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>   | <i>12th Hampden</i>                  | <i>3/5/2021</i>   |
| <i>Walter F. Timilty</i>        | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i> | <i>3/9/2021</i>   |
| <i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>   | <i>2nd Plymouth</i>                  | <i>3/11/2021</i>  |
| <i>James Arciero</i>            | <i>2nd Middlesex</i>                 | <i>11/10/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Soter of Bellingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2781) of Michael J. Soter and others for legislation to provide public safety telecommunicators with the same internal benefits as first responders. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act to provide public safety telecommunicators with the same internal benefits as first responders.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, all  
2 Public Safety Dispatchers or Public Safety Telecommunicators shall receive the same internal  
3 benefits as First Responders. For the purpose of this paragraph, " Public Safety Dispatchers or  
4 Public Safety Telecommunicators" means an individual employed by a public safety agency, as  
5 the initial first responder, whose primary responsibility is to receive, process, transmit, or  
6 dispatch emergency and nonemergency calls for law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and  
7 other public safety services by telephone, radio, or other communication device, and includes an  
8 individual who promotes from this position and supervises individuals who perform these  
9 functions. No change shall be made to such Telecommunicators' compensation and pension  
10 benefits.