

HOUSE No. 3797

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., (BY REQUEST)

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 sole EMS providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John Leckey</i>		<i>2/12/2021</i>

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By Mr. Puppolo of Springfield (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3797) of John Leckey relative to sole emergency medical services providers. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to sole EMS 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 1 of chapter 111C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition “EMS provider” the
3 following definition:-

4 “EMS sole provider”, an EMS provider with an agreement, approval or designation as the
5 sole EMS provider in a local jurisdiction or a service zone.

6 SECTION 2. Said chapter 111C is hereby further amended by adding the following
7 section:-

8 Section 26.(a) An EMS sole provider shall not: (i) charge a fee for an item or service
9 furnished greater than any other fee imposed by another EMS provider had such items or
10 services been provided in a local jurisdiction or service zone: (ii) charge a provider of insurance
11 under the General Laws or an uninsured person more than 10 per cent higher rates than the
12 lowest rate the EMS sole provider may charge in the local jurisdiction or service zone.

13 (b) If an EMS sole provider offers a rate within 10 per cent of the lowest rate under
14 clause (ii) of subsection (a), a health insurance entity conducting business in the commonwealth
15 shall accept such rate for any item or service provided.

16 (c) The department shall not designate any service zone provider or local jurisdiction
17 provider pursuant to section 10 who is or will be an EMS sole provider if such provider is in
18 violation of this section.

19 SECTION 3. The department of public health shall promulgate regulations to implement
20 the provisions of this act.