

SENATE No. 1168

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

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 compensation for paramedics and emergency medical technicians providing ambulance services during the COVID-19 Massachusetts state of emergency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Nick Collins

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk

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By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1168) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to compensation for paramedics and emergency medical technicians providing ambulance services during the COVID-19 Massachusetts state of emergency. Labor and Workforce Development.

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

An Act relative to compensation for paramedics and emergency medical technicians providing ambulance services during the COVID-19 Massachusetts state of emergency.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any Paramedic
2 or Emergency Medical Technician who staffs a 911 ambulance response unit as the Primary or
3 Secondary provider under a Service Zone Plan with any Municipality of the Commonwealth who
4 has provided emergency services during the Massachusetts state emergency related to COVID 19
5 declared on March 11, shall be compensated retroactively at a rate equal to 1.25x their standard
6 rate. Compensation shall be paid at the rate dictated by this Act until the state of emergency ends
7 or until May 31, 2021, whichever is later.

8 SECTION 2. Any Paramedic or Emergency Medical Technician entitled to compensation
9 under this Act who is improperly denied said compensation by his/her employer shall be entitled
10 to maintain an action against said employer for non-payment of wages under G.L. c. 149, §148.

11 Said action shall be brought pursuant to G.L. c. 149, §150, and said employee shall be entitled to
12 all remedies provided by G.L. c. 149, §150.

13 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.