

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1721**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Edward R. Philips*

*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 the health of public safety officers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>9/18/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/25/2024</i>

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By Representative Philips of Sharon, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1721) of Edward R. Philips relative to the health of public safety officers exposed to hypodermic syringes or hypodermic needles. The Judiciary.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1835 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to the health of public safety officers.

*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 263 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition is  
2 hereby amended by adding after section 1A the following new section:

3           Section 1B. Blood Testing

4           Anyone under arrest shall be subject to a blood test, provided that one or more public  
5 safety personnel including but not limited to police officers, fire fighters or emergency medical  
6 technicians (EMT) were or are suspected to have been exposed to potential blood-borne  
7 pathogens. Exposure incidents include, but are not limited to, being stuck by a hypodermic  
8 syringe, being stuck by hypodermic needle, or being bitten. The arrested individual shall be  
9 tested immediately after arrest, and three months later, if the first test proved negative. The name

10 of the tested person shall be subject to a confidentiality agreement with the police safety  
11 personnel who receives the result of the test, and the Department of Public Health shall maintain  
12 a record of the test results to provide care to anyone infected.