HOUSE No. 1895

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christopher Hendricks

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 providing worker compensation protection to emergency response and medical personnel related to COVID-19 infection.

PETITION OF:

Name:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Christopher Hendricks	11th Bristol	1/5/2023
Peter Capano	11th Essex	1/26/2023
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	1st Hampshire	1/26/2023
Brian W. Murray	10th Worcester	1/30/2023
Antonio F. D. Cabral	13th Bristol	2/2/2023

HOUSE No. 1895

By Representative Hendricks of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1895) of Christopher Hendricks and others relative to providing worker compensation protection to emergency response and medical personnel related to COVID-19 infections. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 1993 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court (2023-2024)

An Act providing worker compensation protection to emergency response and medical personnel related to COVID-19 infection.

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

- 1 Chapter 152 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 7G the
- 2 following section:
- 3 Section 7H: In any claim for compensation where the employee has been diagnosed with
- 4 COVID-19, it shall be prima facie evidence that (i) the employee was performing his or her
- 5 regular duties at the time of contracting COVID-19; (ii) the claim comes within the provisions of
- 6 this chapter; and (iii) sufficient notice of the injury has been given. This section shall apply to
- 7 health-care employees and non-medical employees at hospitals, chronic disease rehabilitation
- 8 centers, nursing homes, rest homes, community health centers, psychiatric hospitals, out-patient
- 9 health care facilities, health-care employees working in prisons and correctional facilities, at-

- 10 home certified nursing assistants, at-home personal care assistants, emergency medical
- 11 technicians, and paramedics.