

HOUSE No. 2207

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sally P. Kerans

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 ensuring the fair and appropriate distribution of vaccines during a public health emergency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>1/12/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>8/22/2023</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>	<i>8/22/2023</i>

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By Representative Kerans of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2207) of Sally P. Kerans relative to ensuring the fair and appropriate distribution of vaccines during a public health emergency. Public Health.

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

An Act ensuring the fair and appropriate distribution of vaccines during a public health 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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 5A ½, the following section:—

3 Section 5A ¾ - Notwithstanding any general or special law to contrary, Whenever the
4 commissioner determines that the inoculation of the general public by, or the administration to
5 the general public of, any antitoxin, serum, vaccine or other analogous product is essential in the
6 interest of the public health, and that supply for universal administration is insufficient, the
7 department shall ensure that funeral home directors and funeral workers are included in the same
8 category as health care providers in terms of prioritization of access.