

HOUSE No. 2161

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Finn

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 governing not for profit hospital system or service operating an ambulance service.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Michael J. Finn</i> | <i>6th Hampden</i> | <i>1/20/2023</i> |

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By Representative Finn of West Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2161) of Michael J. Finn for legislation to further regulate emergency or non-emergent medical transport services. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2283 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act governing not for profit hospital system or service operating an ambulance service.

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 XXX. Emergency Medical Services. Notwithstanding the provisions of any
2 regulation, rule or law to the contrary, any not for profit acute care hospital system or service, or
3 provider licensed under Chapter 111 of the General Laws, shall comply with Chapter 111C,
4 Chapter 154 of the Acts of 2003 and Chapter 54 of the Acts of 2000, respectively, in order to
5 administer and operate an emergency or non-emergent medical transport service, so-called, in the
6 Commonwealth; provided, that if any such not for profit hospital system or service that is
7 licensed under Chapter 111 of the General Laws is awarded a 911 contract, so-called, by a
8 municipality, such not for profit hospital system or service shall contribute a minimum of 33% of
9 the gross ambulance receipts toward the cost of such municipality’s fire based service for the
10 purposes of enhancing such city or town’s public safety infrastructure and fire based services;

11 provided further, that if a not for profit hospital system or service licensed under Chapter 111 of
12 the General Laws is awarded a 911 contract, so-called, by a municipality, not for profit hospital
13 system or service shall pay no less than 50% of the cost to operate the Public Safety Answering
14 Point (PSAP), so-called, in order to support the dispatching of 911 services in such municipality;
15 provided further, that any acute care hospital operating an emergency or non-emergent medical
16 transport service prior to this law shall comply with the provisions of this act. The Department of
17 Public Health shall promulgate regulations to administer the provisions of this section not later
18 than 30 days after the enactment of this law.