

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1185**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*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 for the protection of emergency responders from dismissal.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Anne M. Gobi*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Worcester and Hampshire*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1185**

By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1185) of Anne M. Gobi for legislation to prohibit disciplinary actions by employers on employees serving as volunteer emergency responders. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1204 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act providing for the protection of emergency responders from dismissal.

*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. Section 177B of Chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “ambulance department” each  
3 time it appears, the following words:- or emergency responders.

4           SECTION 2. The first paragraph of said Section 177B of said Chapter 149, as so  
5 appearing, is hereby amended by striking the words "capacity as a volunteer member of a fire  
6 department or ambulance department" in lines 5 and 6 and inserting in place thereof the  
7 following words:- "work at an emergency shelter, or his capacity as a volunteer member of a fire  
8 department or ambulance department."

9           SECTION 3. Said Section 177B of said Chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby further  
10 amended in paragraph 2 by inserting after the word “emergency medical technician”, the  
11 following words:- "or emergency responder".