

SENATE No. 1403

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 the operation of ambulance services by not-for-profit hospital systems or services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Joan B. Lovely

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Essex

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1403) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation to governing not for profit hospital system or service operating an ambulance service. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1473 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act governing the operation of ambulance services by not-for-profit hospital systems or services.

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

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