

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1586**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*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 relative to the internal benefits of public safety telecommunicators.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>3/13/2023</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>4/3/2023</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>4/13/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>7/24/2023</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1586) of Michael F. Rush, Paul  
McMurtry, Susannah M. Whipps, James K. Hawkins and others for legislation relative to the  
internal benefits of public safety telecommunicators. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to the internal benefits of public safety telecommunicators.

*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. Definitions

2 For the purpose of this section the following words shall have the following meanings:-

3 "Public Safety Dispatchers" or "Public Safety Telecommunicators", an individual  
4 employed by a public safety agency, as the initial first responder, whose primary responsibility is  
5 to receive, process, transmit, or dispatch emergency and non-emergency calls for law  
6 enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and other public safety services by telephone, radio, or  
7 other communication device, and includes an individual who promotes from this position and  
8 supervises individuals who perform these functions

9 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the  
10 contrary, all Public Safety Dispatchers or Public Safety Telecommunicators shall receive the  
11 same internal benefits as First Responders.

12           SECTION 3. No change shall be made to such Telecommunicators' compensation and  
13 pension benefits.