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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2122

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christopher Hendricks

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 worker compensation protection to emergency response and medical personnel related to COVID-19 infection.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Christopher Hendricks	*11th Bristol*	*1/7/2025*
Antonio F. D. Cabral	*13th Bristol*	*2/13/2025*

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By Representative Hendricks of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2122) of Christopher Hendricks and Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to providing worker compensation protection to emergency response and medical personnel related to COVID-19 infections. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1895* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act providing worker compensation protection to emergency response and medical personnel related to COVID-19 infection.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 152 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 7G the following section:

Section 7H: In any claim for compensation where the employee has been diagnosed with COVID-19, it shall be prima facie evidence that (i) the employee was performing his or her regular duties at the time of contracting COVID-19; (ii) the claim comes within the provisions of this chapter; and (iii) sufficient notice of the injury has been given. This section shall apply to health-care employees and non-medical employees at hospitals, chronic disease rehabilitation centers, nursing homes, rest homes, community health centers, psychiatric hospitals, out-patient health care facilities, health-care employees working in prisons and correctional facilities, at-

home certified nursing assistants, at-home personal care assistants, emergency medical technicians, and paramedics.