

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2463**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sally P. Kerans***

*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 proper classification of health care workers during a public health emergency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>

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By Representative Kerans of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2463) of Sally P. Kerans relative to ensuring the fair and appropriate distribution of vaccines during a public health emergency. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2207 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to proper classification of health care workers during a public health emergency.

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

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 5A ½, the  
2 following section:—

3 Section 5A ¾ - Notwithstanding any general or special law to contrary, Whenever the  
4 commissioner determines that the inoculation of the general public by, or the administration to  
5 the general public of, any antitoxin, serum, vaccine or other analogous product is essential in the  
6 interest of the public health, and that supply for universal administration is insufficient, the  
7 department shall ensure that funeral home directors and funeral workers are included in the same  
8 category as health care providers in terms of prioritization of access.