

HOUSE No. 2738

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven George Xiarhos

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 providing advanced life support to police dogs injured in the line of duty.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Kenneth P. Swezey</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/25/2025</i>
<i>Richard G. Wells, Jr.</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/26/2025</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>9/22/2025</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>10/1/2025</i>

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By Representative Xiarhos of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2738) of Steven George Xiarhos and Joseph D. McKenna relative to providing advanced life support to police dogs injured in the line of duty. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2423 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to providing advanced life support to police dogs injured in the line of duty.

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. subsection (b) of Section 9A of Chapter 111C of the General Laws, as most
2 recently amended by Section 2 of Chapter 23 of the Acts of 2022, is hereby further amended by
3 striking out the words "basic level".

4 SECTION 2. Said subsection (b) of Section 9A of Chapter 111C of the General Laws, as
5 most recently amended by Section 2 of Chapter 23 of the Acts of 2022, is hereby further
6 amended by striking out the words "provided, however, that nothing in this section shall
7 authorize the provision of advanced life support care to a police dog;" and inserting in place
8 thereof the following words:- provided, however, that nothing in this section shall be construed
9 to prohibit the provision of advanced life support care to a police dog by a person who is

- 10 otherwise qualified to render such level of care by virtue of their professional licensing under
- 11 this chapter and their training under this section;