

HOUSE No. 4076

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Leigh Davis

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 establishing a special commission on emergency medical services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Leigh Davis</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>John Barrett, III</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	<i>6/30/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>7/22/2025</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>6/30/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>6/10/2025</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>6/30/2025</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>7/1/2025</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>7/13/2025</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>7/7/2025</i>

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By Representative Davis of Great Barrington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4076) of Leigh Davis for an investigation by a special commission relative to emergency medical services. Public Health.

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

An Act establishing a special commission on emergency medical services.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to establish a special commission to study emergency medical, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

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

1 (a) There shall be a special commission established to study and guide the
2 implementation of emergency medical services as an essential service in the commonwealth.

3 (b) The commission shall consist of the following members: (i) the secretary of health
4 and human services or their designee, who shall serve as chair; (ii) the director of the
5 Massachusetts office of emergency medical services or their designee; (iii) 1 member appointed
6 by the speaker of the house of representatives from an urban emergency medical service agency;
7 (iv) 1 member appointed by the president of the senate from a rural emergency medical service
8 agency; (v) 6 members appointed by the Governor, 2 of whom shall be from regional emergency
9 medical services councils, 2 of whom shall be public health experts with experience in
10 emergency medical services, 1 of whom shall be representative from a hospital-based emergency

11 medical services provider and 1 of whom shall be of the public with lived experience as a
12 recipient of emergency medical services; (vi) 1 member from the Massachusetts Municipal
13 Association, Inc; (vii) 1 member appointed by the Fire Chiefs' Association of Massachusetts,
14 Inc. to represent municipal-based emergency medical services; (viii) 2 members appointed by the
15 director of the Massachusetts office of emergency medical services who shall be emergency
16 medical services professionals, 1 of whom shall be emergency medical technician and 1 of
17 whom shall be a paramedic; and (ix) 1 member from the Massachusetts Ambulance Association,
18 Incorporated.

19 (c) The commission's appointments and first meeting shall take place not later than July
20 1, 2026 and shall convene at least quarterly thereafter.

21 (d) The commission shall hold at least 2 public hearings to gather input from emergency
22 medical service providers, municipal leaders and residents.

23 (e) The work of the commission shall: (i) assess the current state of emergency medical
24 service coverage, funding and workforce capacity across the commonwealth; (ii) identify and
25 address disparities in emergency medical services availability and response times in underserved
26 communities; (iii) develop recommendations for sustainable funding models, including potential
27 uses of the fair share amendment revenue, federal grants, public-private partnerships and other
28 funding streams; (iv) evaluate and propose strategies for regionalization and shared services to
29 improve efficiency and resource utilization, in collaboration with existing regional emergency
30 medical services councils; (v) recommend measures to address emergency medical services
31 workforce shortages, including incentives for recruitment, training and retention of emergency

32 medical services personnel and instructors; and (vi) develop a framework for performance
33 metrics and accountability standards for emergency medical service agencies statewide.

34 (f) The Massachusetts office of emergency medical services shall provide administrative
35 and technical support to the commission.

36 (g) The commission may request data, reports or other information from state agencies,
37 regional emergency medical services councils and municipal governments as necessary to fulfill
38 its duties.

39 (h) The commission shall submit a final report detailing the results of the study, along
40 with any recommendations and any proposed standards and legislation necessary to carry out its
41 recommendations, to the: (i) secretary of health and human services; (ii) joint committee on
42 public health; (iii) the house and senate committees on ways and means; and (iv) clerks of the
43 house of representatives and senate not later than 15 months after the effective date of this act;
44 provided, however, that the commission may make a draft of the report available to the public for
45 comment before filing its final report.