

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathleen R. LaNatra

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 to strengthen critical incident stress management for emergency service providers.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Kathleen R. LaNatra</i> | <i>12th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/17/2025</i> |

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

An Act to strengthen critical incident stress management for emergency service providers.

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. Section 200 of chapter 233 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the definition of “Crisis intervention” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

4 “Crisis intervention”, immediate short-term psychological care provided by a certified
5 emergency service provider providing critical incident stress management to an individual or
6 group of emergency service providers after their response to a critical incident.

7 SECTION 2. Said section 200 of chapter 233 is hereby amended by inserting after the
8 word “referral” in line 12 the following words:- provided to an individual or group of emergency
9 service providers

10 SECTION 3. Said section 200 of chapter 233 is hereby amended by striking the
11 definition of “Critical incident stress management” and inserting in place thereof the following
12 definition:-

13 “Critical incident stress management”, a program designed to assist an individual or
14 group of emergency service providers in coping with the psychological stress or trauma resulting
15 from their response to a critical incident.

16 SECTION 4. Said section 200 of chapter 233 is hereby amended by inserting after the
17 word “firefighter” in line 22 the following words:- corrections officer, police dispatcher, 911
18 operator

19 SECTION 5. Subsection (b) of said section 200 of chapter 233 is hereby amended by
20 inserting after the words “as part of” in lines 27 and 34 respectively the following words:- a
21 group or individual

22 SECTION 6. Said subsection (b) of chapter 329 is hereby amended by inserting after the
23 word “provider” in line 30 the following words:- , emergency service provider