

SENATE No. 1761

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael F. Rush

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 the internal benefits of public safety telecommunicators.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael F. Rush

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk and Suffolk

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1761) of Michael F. Rush for legislation relative to the internal benefits of public safety telecommunicators. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1586 OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to the internal benefits of public safety telecommunicators.

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. Definitions

2 For the purpose of this section the following words shall have the following meanings:-

3 "Public Safety Dispatchers" or "Public Safety Telecommunicators", an individual
4 employed by a public safety agency, as the initial first responder, whose primary responsibility is
5 to receive, process, transmit, or dispatch emergency and non-emergency calls for law
6 enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and other public safety services by telephone, radio, or
7 other communication device, and includes an individual who promotes from this position and
8 supervises individuals who perform these functions

9 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the
10 contrary, all Public Safety Dispatchers or Public Safety Telecommunicators shall receive the
11 same internal benefits as First Responders.

12 SECTION 3. No change shall be made to such Telecommunicators' compensation and
13 pension benefits.