

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1078**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Anne M. Gobi*

*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 providing for the protection of emergency responders from dismissal.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Ms. Gobi, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1078) of Anne M. Gobi, David Allen Robertson and Susannah M. Whipps for legislation to prohibit disciplinary actions by employers on employees serving as volunteer emergency responders. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1014 OF 2017-2018.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act providing for the protection of emergency responders from dismissal.

*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 177B of Chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word "ambulance department" each  
3 time it appears, the following words:- or emergency responders.

4 SECTION 2. The first paragraph of said Section 177B of said Chapter 149, as so  
5 appearing, is hereby amended by striking the words "capacity as a volunteer member of a fire  
6 department or ambulance department" in lines 5 and 6 and inserting in place thereof the  
7 following words:- "work at an emergency shelter, or his capacity as a volunteer member of a fire  
8 department or ambulance department."

9           SECTION 3. Said Section 177B of said Chapter 149, as so appearing, is hereby further  
10 amended in paragraph 2 by inserting after the word “emergency medical technician”, the  
11 following words:- "or emergency responder".