

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1142**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*James B. Eldridge*

*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 emergency and disaster planning for health care providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*James B. Eldridge*

*Leonard Mirra*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Middlesex and Worcester*

*2nd Essex*

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1142) of James B. Eldridge and Leonard Mirra for legislation relative to emergency and disaster planning for health care providers. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1012 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to emergency and disaster planning for health care 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 12B of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new paragraph:-

3 No health care provider, as defined in section 1 of chapter 111 or a health care provider  
4 licensed under chapter 112, shall be further liable in a suit for damages or administrative  
5 sanctions as a result of good-faith acts or omissions while engaged in the performance of their  
6 duties in rendering emergency care, treatment, advice, or assistance during a statewide or  
7 regional emergency, pandemic, or disaster.