

SENATE No. 1507

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 public safety around hospitals with air emergency helipads.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

James B. Eldridge

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Middlesex and Worcester

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1507) of James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to public safety around hospitals with air emergency helipads. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to public safety around hospitals with air emergency helipads.

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

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, non-
2 emergency aircraft flight training maneuvers are prohibited within a 2 nautical mile radius of
3 hospital helipads in the commonwealth. These areas should be avoided for simulated landings,
4 practice approaches, turns about a point, power off turns, and related maneuvers. Overflights of
5 such areas may not descend below 2,000 feet above ground level (AGL) and should be avoided.
6 Private flight schools and recreational pilots are not to consider these locations appropriate areas
7 to concentrate maneuvers due to public safety.