

HOUSE No. 2667

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Soter

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 provide public safety telecommunicators with the same internal benefits as first responders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>1/10/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>
<i>Marcus S. Vaughn</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/12/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/13/2023</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Dylan A. Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/6/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>Rodney M. Elliott</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/22/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>2/24/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/27/2023</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>3/13/2023</i>
<i>Christopher Richard Flanagan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>3/14/2023</i>

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By Representative Soter of Bellingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2667) of Michael J. Soter and others for legislation to provide public safety telecommunicators with the same internal benefits as first responders. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2781 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act to provide public safety telecommunicators with the same internal benefits as first responders.

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, all
2 Public Safety Dispatchers or Public Safety Telecommunicators shall receive the same internal
3 benefits as First Responders. For the purpose of this paragraph, " Public Safety Dispatchers or
4 Public Safety Telecommunicators" means an individual employed by a public safety agency, as
5 the initial first responder, whose primary responsibility is to receive, process, transmit, or
6 dispatch emergency and nonemergency calls for law enforcement, fire, emergency medical, and
7 other public safety services by telephone, radio, or other communication device, and includes an
8 individual who promotes from this position and supervises individuals who perform these
9 functions. No change shall be made to such Telecommunicators' compensation and pension
10 benefits.