

HOUSE No. 1938

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mary S. Keefe

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 improving the outcomes for sudden cardiac arrest in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>

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By Ms. Keefe of Worcester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1938) of Mary S. Keefe and others relative to adherence to nationally recognized emergency cardiovascular care guidelines to improving the outcomes for sudden cardiac arrest. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to improving the outcomes for sudden cardiac arrest in the Commonwealth.

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 2 of Chapter 111C, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by adding at the end of subsection (3), the following new clause:-

3 (iii) All 911 telecommunicators that provide dispatch for emergency medical conditions,
4 shall be required to be trained, utilizing the most current nationally recognized emergency
5 cardiovascular care guidelines, in high-quality Telephone-CPR. The instruction shall
6 incorporate recognition protocols for out of hospital cardiac arrest, compression-only CPR
7 instructions for callers, and continuous education.

8 SECTION 2. Section 18B of chapter 6A is hereby amended by adding, at the end of
9 subsection (g), the following new sentence:-

10 “The commission shall establish a procedure for monitoring adherence by identified
11 telecommunicators and the governing bodies of identified telecommunicators to the requirements

12 set forth in above sub-section and may adjust state grant or shared revenue amounts based on
13 failure to comply with the requirements of this section.”;

14 And further, in line 27, by striking the number “11” and replacing with the number:-
15 “13”;

16 And further, in line 42, after the phrase “Massachusetts Ambulance Association,” the
17 following new language:-

18 “1 of whom shall be a physician with a specialty in emergency medicine, 1 of whom shall
19 have expertise in regional EMS,”

20 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the department
21 of public health shall include sudden cardiac arrest as a reportable disease.