

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1416**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Adam G. Hinds*

*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 volunteer ambulance service.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                         | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                                 |                 |
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| <i>Adam G. Hinds</i>          | <i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i> |                 |
| <i>Natalie M. Blais</i>       | <i>1st Franklin</i>                               |                 |
| <i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i> | <i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>               | <i>2/1/2019</i> |
| <i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>      | <i>4th Berkshire</i>                              | <i>2/1/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Hinds, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1416) of Adam G. Hinds, Natalie M. Blais, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Smitty Pignatelli for legislation relative to volunteer ambulance service. Public Safety and Homeland Security.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2648 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to volunteer ambulance service.

*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. Chapter 111C of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out  
2 section 25, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, and inserting in place thereof the following  
3 section:-

4           Section 25. (a) When a class I, II or V ambulance transports a patient receiving care at the  
5 paramedic level of advanced life support, the ambulance shall be staffed in accordance with  
6 regulations promulgated by the department; provided, however, that there shall be not less than 2  
7 emergency medical technicians, at least 1 of whom shall be certified at the EMT-Paramedic  
8 level.

9 (b) When a class I, II or V ambulance transports a patient receiving care at the non-  
10 paramedic level of basic life support, the ambulance shall be staffed in accordance with  
11 regulations promulgated by the department; provided, however, that there shall be not less than 2  
12 emergency medical technicians.

13 (c)(1) For the purposes of this subsection, the following words shall have the following  
14 meanings:

15 “First responder”, a police officer, a firefighter or an emergency reserve of a volunteer  
16 fire department or fire protection district who has been authorized and deemed qualified to staff  
17 an ambulance by the rural volunteer ambulance service’s affiliate hospital medical director  
18 pursuant to the rural volunteer ambulance service’s affiliation agreement and the department’s  
19 regulations; provided, however, that “first responder” shall not include a police officer,  
20 firefighter or person engaged in police and fire work whose duties are primarily clerical or  
21 administrative.

22 “Rural volunteer ambulance service”, a not-for-profit primary ambulance service staffed  
23 by volunteers operating in a service zone with a population density of less than 500 residents per  
24 square mile as designated in a department-approved service zone plan.

25 (2) Notwithstanding subsection (b), when a class I, II or V ambulance operated by a rural  
26 volunteer ambulance service transports a patient receiving care at the nonparamedic level of  
27 basic life support, the ambulance may be staffed in accordance with regulations promulgated by  
28 the department; provided, however, that there shall be at least 1 emergency medical technician  
29 and 1 first responder.