

SENATE No. 1426

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Diana DiZoglio, (BY REQUEST)

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 COVID-19 vaccine administration by retired nurses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Bonnie Brown

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By Ms. DiZoglio (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1426) of Bonnie Brown for legislation relative to COVID-19 vaccine administration by retired nurses. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to COVID-19 vaccine administration by retired nurses.

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. For the purposes of this act, the term “eligible health care professional”
2 shall include licensed practical nurses, vocational nurses, registered nurses, advanced practice
3 registered nurses, students of nursing and other licensed health care providers, including
4 physicians, physician assistants and pharmacists.

5 Retired eligible health care professionals and eligible health care professionals with
6 inactive licenses may assist in COVID-19 vaccine administration in vaccination administration
7 sites in the commonwealth; provided, however, that such eligible health care professional has not
8 been subject to discipline by the appropriate licensing board; provided further, that students of
9 nursing may administer the vaccine if supervised and after receiving appropriate training. The
10 board of registration in medicine shall identify and notify nurses who qualify under this act and
11 shall establish an efficient process to reinstate their licenses where applicable.

12 If an eligible health care professional agrees to volunteer to assist with the
13 commonwealth's COVID-19 vaccine distribution efforts, the eligible health care professional
14 shall be eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine prior to beginning their participation in the
15 distribution efforts. Eligible health care professionals shall be granted continued education
16 credits as compensation for volunteering at vaccine administration sites in the commonwealth.