

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2122**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Christopher Hendricks*

*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 providing worker compensation protection to emergency response and medical personnel related to COVID-19 infection.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christopher Hendricks</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	<i>1/7/2025</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/13/2025</i>

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By Representative Hendricks of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2122) of Christopher Hendricks and Antonio F. D. Cabral relative to providing worker compensation protection to emergency response and medical personnel related to COVID-19 infections. Labor and Workforce Development.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1895 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act providing worker compensation protection to emergency response and medical personnel related to COVID-19 infection.

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

1 Chapter 152 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 7G the  
2 following section:

3 Section 7H: In any claim for compensation where the employee has been diagnosed with  
4 COVID-19, it shall be prima facie evidence that (i) the employee was performing his or her  
5 regular duties at the time of contracting COVID-19; (ii) the claim comes within the provisions of  
6 this chapter; and (iii) sufficient notice of the injury has been given. This section shall apply to  
7 health-care employees and non-medical employees at hospitals, chronic disease rehabilitation  
8 centers, nursing homes, rest homes, community health centers, psychiatric hospitals, out-patient  
9 health care facilities, health-care employees working in prisons and correctional facilities, at-

- 10 home certified nursing assistants, at-home personal care assistants, emergency medical
- 11 technicians, and paramedics.