

HOUSE No. 1895

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>1/5/2023</i>
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>

HOUSE No. 1895

By Representative Hendricks of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1895) of Christopher Hendricks and others relative to providing worker compensation protection to emergency response and medical personnel related to COVID-19 infections. Labor and Workforce Development.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1993 OF 2021-2022.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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.