

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ronald Mariano

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relating to medical malpractice liability of health professionals in emergency response.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ronald Mariano

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

3rd Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1013 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATING TO MEDICAL MALPRACTICE LIABILITY OF HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
IN EMERGENCY RESPONSE.

*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 112 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by striking out section 12C and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section:—
4 Section 12C. No physician, physician assistant, or nurse administering immunization or other
5 protective programs under public health programs shall be liable in a civil suit for damages as a
6 result of any act or omission on his part in carrying out his duties. No physician, physician
7 assistant, or nurse who is registered by the Commonwealth in the Massachusetts System for
8 Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals or its successor entity shall be liable in
9 civil suit for damages for any act or omission on his part related to his voluntary participation in
10 any disaster preparedness or response activity.