

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Petruccelli, Anthony (SEN)**

*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 emergency care rendered on athletic fields.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Petruccelli, Anthony (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk and Middlesex

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT RELATING TO EMERGENCY CARE RENDERED ON ATHLETIC FIELDS.

*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 is hereby amended by adding the following section after Section  
2 21:— Section 21A. A Sideline Good Samaritan who, in good faith and without compensation,  
3 renders emergency care, including sideline or on-field care as a team health care provider, to  
4 an individual requiring emergency care as a result of having engaged in competitive sports, is  
5 not liable for civil damages as a result of acts or omissions by the Sideline Good Samaritan in  
6 rendering the emergency care, except acts or omissions that are outside the scope of the  
7 license held by the Good Samaritan. The liability limitation set forth herein applies to the  
8 rendering of emergency care to a minor even if the Sideline Good Samaritan does not obtain  
9 permission of the patient or guardian of the minor before the emergency is rendered.

10 SECTION 2. As used in this Section, the following words shall have the following meanings:—

11 “Sideline Good Samaritan” means a physician, physician’s assistant, certified athletic  
12 trainer, registered professional nurse, or any other licensed healthcare provider on scene  
13 attending an athletic event.

14           “Competitive Sports” means sports conducted as part of a program sponsored by a public  
15 or private school that provides instruction from kindergarten through 12th grade, or a public or  
16 private college or university.

17 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect immediately upon passage.

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