

HOUSE No. 3901

By Mr. Bosley of North Adams, petition of Daniel E. Bosley and Daniel J. Valianti relative to emergency medical care. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES.

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. Section 7A of Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts
2 General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end of
3 paragraph four the following:

4 provided further that the Secretary shall include one dollar
5 (\$1.00) to the fee to be known as the emergency medical services
6 fee. Said fee shall be collected at the time of the inspection and
7 shall be remitted to the Registrar by the inspection station. The
8 registrar shall maintain said fee in a special account to be turned
9 over semiannually, together with any interest accrued thereon, on
10 June 30 and December 31 of each year to the State Treasurer;
11 provided, however, that the Registrar shall be permitted to retain
12 no more than ten percent of the revenues collected for
13 administrative costs. Upon receipt of these funds, the State
14 Treasurer shall deposit in the Emergency Medical Services Trust
15 Fund created pursuant to Section 15 of Chapter 111C.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 10 of the Massachusetts General Laws
2 is hereby amended by adding after Section 17B the following new
3 section:

4 Section 17C. The State Treasurer shall receive all funds
5 collected by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles from the Emergency
6 Medical Services fee established in Section 7A of Chapter 90 of
7 the Massachusetts General Laws and shall credit all funds so
8 received to the Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund

9 established pursuant to Section 15 of Chapter 111C. All funds
10 collected shall be held in Trust and forwarded to the Department
11 of Public Health upon request and be used for the development
12 and maintenance of emergency medical care services and
13 communication systems in the Commonwealth as specified in
14 Chapter 111C, Sections 15 and 16 of the Massachusetts General
15 Laws.

1 SECTION 3. Section 2 of Chapter 111C of the Massachusetts
2 General Laws is hereby amended by adding after paragraph ten
3 the following new paragraph:

4 (11) administer the disbursements of the funds from the
5 Emergency Medical Services Trust Fund in accordance with
6 Sections 15 and 16 of Chapter 111C of the Massachusetts General
7 Laws.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter 111C of the Massachusetts General
2 Laws is hereby amended by adding after Section 14 the following
3 new sections:

4 Section 15. There is hereby established an Emergency Medical
5 Services Trust Fund to be administered by the Department of
6 Public Health for the purposes listed in Section 16 of this Chapter.
7 Said fund shall be funded by the emergency medical services fee
8 on motor vehicle inspections as established in Section 7A of
9 Chapter 90 of the Massachusetts General Laws. All monies
10 received shall be held by the State Treasurer pursuant to Section
11 17C of Chapter 10 of the Massachusetts General Laws and shall
12 be expended by forwarding said funds to the Department of
13 Public Health for disbursement in the manner specified in Section
14 16 of Chapter 111C on the Massachusetts General Laws.

15 Section 16. The Department of Public Health shall be
16 responsible for collected funds contained in the Emergency
17 Medical Services Trust Fund for the State Treasurer and
18 distributing said funds in accordance with procedures established
19 in Department regulation, provided however that said funds shall
20 be allocated in the following manner:

21 Twenty percent (20%) of the funds shall be made available to
22 municipalities to be used for municipalities to support local EMS
23 services and personnel.

24 The Department shall retain for administrative costs an amount
25 equal to but not more than 20% of the total amount deposited
26 per year in the trust fund.

27 The remainder of the funds shall be distributed to the EMS
28 Regional Councils established and operating in accordance with
29 the Department of Public Health.

30 Portions of this legislation relating to the establishment of the
31 emergency medical services trust fund and the collection of funds
32 described shall commence on January 1, 1992 and the distribution
33 of funds shall commence in July 1, 1992.

