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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross

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:

An Act relative to safety in youth sports.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol, and Middlesex*
George T. Ross	*2nd Bristol*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Michael R. Knapik	☐ *[District]* ☐
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Bruce E. Tarr	☐ *[District]* ☐
Daniel B. Winslow	*9th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Ross, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1163) of Winslow, Tarr, Smola and other members of the General Court for legislation to require coaches of interscholastic sports to complete first aid training courses [Joint Committee on Public Health].

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An Act relative to safety in youth sports.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting, after the first paragraph of section 222(a), the following:- "All coaches of interscholastic sports must take and pass the requirements of a CPR training course and possess a valid certification card; and all coaches must complete sports first aid training." Training may be completed in one of four ways: complete a four hour sports first aid course; complete one of the following national sports aid course programs: the American Sport Education Program, the American Red Cross Sport Safety Training Course or NFHS First Aid for Coaches; complete college coursework in sports first aid; possess one of the following licenses: M.D (Medical Doctor), D.O (doctor of osteopathic medicine), R.N (registered nurse), EMT, and A.T.C; all local school districts are responsible for documenting that all coaches have current certification.