

**SENATE . . . . . No. 208**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act Requiring Instruction in Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and the use of Automatic External Defibrillators for high school graduation..

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

1           The first paragraph of Section 1 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the sixth sentence and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following 2 sentences:— All public high school students shall be required to study  
4 and to demonstrate a general knowledge of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of  
5 automatic external defibrillators as a prerequisite for graduation. The department of education  
6 shall pay the cost of such instruction, which may be taught by anyone who is certified in  
7 cardiopulmonary resuscitation.