

**SENATE . . . . . No. 819**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act Relative to Accessible Medical Equipment..

*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 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 5S the following section:-

3 Section 5T (a) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing  
4 standards for the minimum technical criteria for medical diagnostic equipment used in or in  
5 conjunction with physician's offices, clinics, emergency rooms, hospitals, and other medical  
6 settings. The standards shall ensure that such equipment is accessible to, and usable by,  
7 individuals with disabilities, and shall allow independent entry to, use of, and exit from the  
8 equipment by such individuals to the maximum extent possible.

9 (b) Medical Diagnostic Equipment Covered- The standards issued under subsection (a)  
10 for medical diagnostic equipment shall apply to equipment that includes examination tables,  
11 examination chairs (including chairs used for eye examinations or procedures, and dental  
12 examinations or procedures), weight scales, mammography equipment, x-ray machines and other  
13 diagnostic radiological equipment, and any other equipment commonly used for diagnostic  
14 purposes by health professionals.