

HOUSE No. 612

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise Provost

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to accessible medical equipment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2011</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>		<i>2/3/2011</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>		<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 612) of Denise Provost and others that medical equipment be accessible to disabled persons. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2137 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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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

3 hereby amended by inserting after section 5S the following section:-

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

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