

**SENATE . . . . . No. 553**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

*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 durable medical equipment..**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 553) of Bruce E. Tarr, Michael R. Knapik, Robert L. Hedlund, Richard J. Ross and others for legislation relative to durable medical equipment. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 584 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to durable 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. The Secretary of Administration and Finance and the Secretary of Health  
2 and Human services are hereby authorized and directed to evaluate the feasibility of contracting  
3 for recycling durable medical equipment purchased and issued by the Commonwealth through  
4 any and all of its medical assistance programs.

5           Said evaluation shall include but not be limited to a request for qualifications and/or  
6 proposals for entities capable of developing, implementing and operating a system of recycling  
7 whereby an inventory of such equipment is developed and managed so as to maximize the  
8 quality of service delivery to equipment recipients and to minimize costs and losses attributable  
9 to waste, fraud and/or abuse.

10           The Secretary of Administration and Finance shall report the findings of said evaluation,  
11 together with cost estimates for the operation of a recycling program, estimates of the savings it  
12 would generate, and legislative recommendations, no later than October 31, 2011.