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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1973

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

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 sonographers and vascular technologists.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1973) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the credentialing of sonographers and vascular technologists providing ultrasound diagnostic services. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *1486* OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to sonographers and vascular technologists.

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 adding the following section:–

Section 220. Any sonographer or vascular technologist who pursuant to section 9 of chapter 118E provides the technical component of a diagnostic ultrasound service shall be credentialed in the appropriate modality by the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography or by Cardiovascular Credentialing International or most practice in a laboratory accredited by the American Institute on Ultrasound in Medicine, the American Society for the Inter-Societal Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories, the Inter-Societal Commission or the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories.

For purposes of this section, the following shall apply:

A sonographer or vascular technologist is also know as an “ultrasound technologist” or “sinologist.”

“Sonographer or vascular technologist” means any non-physician who is qualified by national credentialing to perform diagnostic medical ultrasound.

15 (1) Any sonographer or vascular technologist who is credentialed as required in
16 subdivision (a) shall, in performing a diagnostic ultrasound, perform the work under the
17 supervision of a licensed physician or surgeon.

18 For purposes of this section, licensed physician or surgeon means any physician or
19 surgeon, licensed pursuant to chapter 112.

20 A health facility or provider wishing to secure coverage and payment under the Medicaid
21 program for diagnostic ultrasound service shall develop policies and procedures to implement the
22 requirements of this section and must meet the requirements or this section.

23 This section and policies and procedures adopted pursuant to this section shall not
24 prohibit any physician or surgeon licensed pursuant to chapter 112 from performing the technical
25 component of a diagnostic ultrasound.