

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1996**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Louis L. Kafka*

*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 medical equipment suppliers.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                   | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:       | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Louis L. Kafka</i>   | <i>8th Norfolk</i>      |                  |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i> | <i>Second Worcester</i> | <i>1/30/2013</i> |
| <i>Denise Andrews</i>   | <i>2nd Franklin</i>     |                  |

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1996) of Louis L. Kafka, Michael O. Moore and Denise Andrews relative to medical equipment suppliers. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2899 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to medical equipment suppliers.

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

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, Section 39C of Chapter 112  
2 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, at  
3 the end of the section, the following sentence:

4           “Further, any health insurance company or hospital incorporated in the Commonwealth  
5 which contracts with a long-term or infusion pharmacy, durable medical equipment supplier, or  
6 respiratory equipment supplier shall ensure that, of the vendors that they contract with, no less  
7 than ten percent shall be certified by the Supplier Diversity Office of the Commonwealth.”