HOUSE . . . . No. 2032

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark

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 to update the law regarding do not resuscitate orders.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Paul W. Mark	2nd Berkshire	
Denise Andrews	2nd Franklin	
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex	
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2032) of Paul W. Mark and others for legislation to direct the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Board to study the feasibility of updating the law regarding "Do Not Resuscitate" orders. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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An Act to update the law regarding do not resuscitate orders.

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

1   Chapter 111C of the General Laws shall be amended by adding the following section:

2   SECTION 13A-

3   (1) The EMS Advisory Board shall be directed to undertake a study and prepare a report
4   discussing the feasibility of updating the laws relating to "Do Not Resuscitate" orders in the
5   Commonwealth. The Board shall consider the feasibility of creating a uniform method for
6   identifying a person who has signed a "Do Not Resuscitate" order. The Board shall consider the
7   feasibility of developing new guidelines to be followed by first responders when a "Do Not
8   Resuscitate" is in effect. Nothing in the section shall limit the ability of the Board to include
9   other recommendations in their report.

10   (2) The EMS Advisory Board shall be directed to undertake this study not more than one
11   year after passage of this ACT.

12   (3) The EMS Advisory Board shall have one year from the commencement of the study
13   to issue a final report.