

HOUSE No. 416

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia A. Haddad

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 requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	<i>1/2/2013</i>
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	
<i>Michael A. Costello</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	

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By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 416) of Patricia A. Haddad and others for legislation to require instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators as a prerequisite for a high school diploma. Education.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation.

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

1 The first paragraph of section 1 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the
2 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the sixth sentence and inserting in place
3 thereof the following sentences:-

4 All public high school students shall be required to study and to demonstrate a general
5 knowledge of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automatic external defibrillators as a
6 prerequisite for graduation. The instruction must be based on an instructional program
7 established by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross or another program
8 which is nationally recognized and uses the most current national evidence-based Emergency
9 Cardiovascular Care guidelines and incorporates psychomotor skills development into the
10 instruction. (1) “Psychomotor skills” is defined as the use of hands-on practicing and skills
11 testing to support cognitive learning. The department of elementary and secondary education
12 shall pay the cost of such instruction. A licensed teacher shall not be required to be a certified
13 trainer of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, to facilitate, provide or oversee such instruction for
14 non- certification. Courses which result in a certification being earned are required to be taught
15 by an authorized CPR/AED instructor.