

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 445**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Brian R. Mannal***

*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 recognizing cheerleading as a sport.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	

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By Mr. Mannel of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 445) of Brian R. Mannel and others for legislation to recognize cheerleading as a sport. Education.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to recognizing cheerleading as a sport.

*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. Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

3           Section 37P. It is hereby declared to be the policy of the commonwealth to encourage all  
4 school committees to recognize cheerleading as an interscholastic sport and to adopt policies that  
5 promote equal opportunities and funding for said sport.