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SENATE . . . . . No. 1021

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John Hart, Jr.

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 increase access to vaccines.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John Hart, Jr.	*First Suffolk*

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By Mr. Hart, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1021) of John Hart, Jr. for legislation to increase access to vaccines. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1106* OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to increase access to vaccines.

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. In the definition of "Administer," following subsection (c), include new subsection (d) For the purpose of administering a vaccination or immunization as defined by the Department of Public Health, a qualified medical assistant at the direction of a practitioner in the course of his professional practice.

Section 1. Following the section which defines "Practitioner" include: "Qualified Medical Assistant" A medical assistant who has completed a qualified medical assistants program, which program includes training on administration of vaccines and immunizations. The Department of Public Health shall maintain and publish a list of certified medical assistant programs.

Section 7(d) (4). After the words "practical nurse" add the words: or a qualified medical assistant."

Section 9 (a). At the end of this section add the words: A practitioner may cause controlled substances for vaccines and immunizations to be administered under his direction by a qualified medical assistant.

Section 9 (b). In the first sentence of this section, following the words "veterinary medicine or as a nurse" include the words: or a qualified medical assistant.

Section 9 (c). In the second paragraph of this subsection, following the word “hygienist” include the words: or a qualified medical assistant”