

HOUSE No. 2014

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:
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2014) of Paul W. Mark 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.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2032 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

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.