

HOUSE No. 3733

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>5/17/2017</i>

HOUSE No. 3733

By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Haddad relative to requiring instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

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. A licensed teacher shall not be required to be a certified
12 trainer of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, to facilitate, provide or oversee such instruction for

- 13 non- certification. Courses which result in a certification being earned are required to be taught
- 14 by an authorized CPR/AED instructor.