

HOUSE No. 4396

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 11, 2018.

The committee on Education to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3733) of Patricia A. Haddad relative to requiring instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4396) ought to pass.

For the committee,

ALICE HANLON PEISCH.

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**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 second paragraph of section 1L of chapter 69 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2016 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, in line 30, after the word
3 “resuscitation” the following—
4 and the use of automatic external defibrillators. Instruction in cardiopulmonary
5 resuscitation and the use of automatic external defibrillators must be the most current national
6 evidence-based Emergency Cardiovascular Care guidelines and incorporate psychomotor skills
7 development into the instruction. “Psychomotor skills” is defined as the use of hands-on
8 practicing and skills testing to support cognitive learning. A licensed teacher shall not be
9 required to be a certified trainer of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, to facilitate, provide or
10 oversee such instruction for non-certification. Courses which result in a certification being
11 earned are required to be taught by an authorized CPR/AED instructor.