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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Shawn Dooley*

*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 requiring trauma kits in public buildings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>	<i>10/30/2017</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>10/31/2017</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>10/31/2017</i>
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>11/6/2017</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>11/1/2017</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>	<i>11/1/2017</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/2/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>11/6/2017</i>

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By Mr. Dooley of Norfolk, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Shawn Dooley and others for legislation to authorize trauma kits, so-called and trained designees in certain public buildings. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to requiring trauma kits in public buildings.

*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: This act shall be known and may be cited as “The Massachusetts Trauma  
2   Response Preparedness Act”.

3           Section 2: Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 Official Edition, is  
4   hereby amended by inserting the following new section:-

5           Section 237. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the  
6   following meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:

7           “Public Building”, any building located in any community, locality, city, or town that is  
8   used primarily by the general public as well as any building owned by the Commonwealth of  
9   Massachusetts or a town or city within the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including but not  
10   limited to public and private schools; libraries; transportation facilities; recreational facilities;  
11   entertainment and sporting venues; and buildings of government

12           “Trauma Kit”, a kit designed to contain materials to help a general bystander provide first  
13 aid to another citizen suffering from a serious, life threatening bleed. At minimum kits must  
14 include an adequate tourniquet, gauze, gloves, and a proper training booklet as defined by the  
15 American College of Surgeons or an equivalent organization

16           “Trauma Kit Designee”, a person trained and certified by a representative of the  
17 American College of Surgeons or an equivalent organization in the area of bleeding control

18           (b) All public buildings as defined by subsection (a) as well as any buildings required to  
19 house an AED pursuant to section 78A of chapter 93 and section 54C of chapter 71 shall be  
20 required to have clearly visible, centrally located, and easily accessible trauma kits as defined by  
21 subsection (a) in a number adequate to service the population of the building at max capacity  
22 during a Mass Casualty Incident available and ready for use at all times

23           (c) Any building falling under the purview of subsection (b) shall be required to have on  
24 staff an appropriately qualified trauma kit designee as defined by subsection (a) at all times

25           (d) For the purposes of organizational efficiency, buildings falling under the purview of  
26 subsections (b) and (c) as well as section 78A of chapter 93 or section 54C of chapter 71 may  
27 share the same storage space for the AED device and the trauma kit as well as designate the same  
28 person both an AED provider and Trauma Kit Designee

29           (e) Any person who, in good faith, attempts to render emergency care including, but not  
30 limited to, bleeding control, and does so without compensation, shall not be liable for acts or  
31 omissions, other than gross negligence or willful or wanton misconduct, resulting from the  
32 attempt to render such emergency care.

33           Section 3: Section 8A of Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
34 at the end thereof the following:-

35           “8) The availability and location of trauma kits and those personnel designated as trauma  
36 kit designee”

37           Section 4: Section 5 of chapter 44B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
38 at the end thereof the following:-

39           “A city or town may appropriate money in any year from the Community Preservation  
40 Fund for the procurement of trauma kits and a trauma kit designee in a town or city owned  
41 building or a public school facility pursuant to section 237 of chapter 111.”