

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 627**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John H. Rogers***

*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 automated external defibrillators in assisted living residences.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 627) of John H. Rogers, Louis L. Kafka and Sean Garballey for legislation to require automated external defibrillators in assisted living residences. Elder Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 347 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act requiring automated external defibrillators in assisted living residences.

*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. Section 1 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition “Assisted living residence”  
3 the following definition:-

4           “Automated external defibrillator”, a medical device heart monitor and defibrillator that:-

5           (1) has received approval of its pre-market notification filed pursuant to 21 U.S.C.  
6 §360(k) from the United States Food and Drug Administration;

7           (2) is capable of recognizing the presence or absence of ventricular fibrillation or rapid  
8 ventricular tachycardia, and is capable of determining, without intervention by an operator,  
9 whether defibrillation should be performed; and

10           (3) upon determining that defibrillation should be performed, automatically charges and  
11 requests delivery of an electrical impulse to an individual's heart.

12           SECTION 2. Subsection (a) of section 10 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as  
13 appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following clause:-

14           (8). Have available on the premises of the assisted living residence an automated  
15 external defibrillator deployed in a manner that provides obvious and ready accessibility to  
16 residents.