

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Marc T. Lombardo***

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*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 recognizing cheerleading as a sport.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/7/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3972 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to recognizing cheerleading as a sport.

*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 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after section 47 the following section:-

3 Section 47A. (a) Every school district in the commonwealth shall, directly or through an  
4 authorized representative, in consultation with the department, develop guidelines, procedures  
5 and safety standards for the purpose of classifying cheerleading as a sport and providing for  
6 student participation in cheerleading.

7 (b) The school district or its authorized representative shall require any coach of  
8 cheerleading to receive training specific to the sport of cheerleading and the safety of  
9 cheerleaders.

10           (c) The requirements of this section shall be in addition to any requirements set forth in  
11 section 47 or any other applicable provision of this chapter.