

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1606**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Patrick M. O'Connor***

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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 requiring AEDs in clubs and fraternal organizations.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1606) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to require AEDs in clubs and fraternal organizations and that mandatory training be provided to all staff and members. Public Health.

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**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 requiring AEDs in clubs and fraternal organizations.

*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. (a) Any group organized under Chapter 180 of the General Laws shall  
2 provide and maintain at least 1 fully functional automated external defibrillator, also known as  
3 AED, for emergency use.

4           (b) Any group or organization that is required to provide and maintain an AED pursuant  
5 to subsection (a) shall provide mandatory training in accordance with the standards established  
6 by the American Heart Association or the American National Red Cross on cardiopulmonary  
7 resuscitation and the use of AEDs to: all organizational staff; all members of the organization;  
8 any other individuals as determined by the leadership of the organization.

9           SECTION 2. There shall be a fund, subject to appropriation, established to assist any  
10 group required by subsection (a) to provide an AED with procurement, maintenance, and  
11 training necessary under Section 1.