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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*Madeline Elizabeth Jackman*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 492 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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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 2022 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.