

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Sal N. DiDomenico***

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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 establishing an amputation prevention task force.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Sal N. DiDomenico*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Middlesex and Suffolk*

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

An Act establishing an amputation prevention task force.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive  
2 office of health and human services shall establish an Amputation Prevention Task Force.

3           The secretary or designee will chair the task force and will make recommendations for  
4 task force membership. Members not serving in the General Court will be appointed by the  
5 governor. The governor shall ensure that appointments provide diversity of gender, race, and  
6 geographical areas.

7           The task force shall consist of the following members:

8           Commissioner of the department of public health or a designee, Assistant Secretary for  
9 MassHealth or a designee, 2 members from the Massachusetts House of Representatives as  
10 appointed by the Speaker of the House, 2 members from the Massachusetts Senate as appointed  
11 by the Senate President, 1 licensed endocrinologist, 1 licensed diabetes nurse educator, 1  
12 vascular surgeon who has expertise in amputation prevention, 1 medical doctor or midlevel  
13 practitioner who has expertise in amputation prevention, 1 podiatrist with expertise in treating

14 diabetic foot ulcers, 1 podiatrist or vascular surgeon with the veterans administration, 1 public  
15 health provider, 1 representative of the Massachusetts Senior Care Association, 1 member of the  
16 public, 1 representative of the American Diabetes Association, and the task force may add  
17 members as it sees fit by a majority vote of the task force members.

18 Section 2. Duties.

19 The task force shall: (1) advise the secretary and other state agencies on issues related to  
20 amputations with a focus on amputation prevention as it relates to diabetic foot ulcers and  
21 peripheral arterial disease; (2) provide a systematic and cohesive approach toward reducing  
22 amputations, including increasing public awareness; (3) recommend mechanisms to encourage  
23 greater cooperation among stakeholders to address amputations in Massachusetts; (4) make  
24 recommendations and identify policy solutions to the state legislature to ensure access to  
25 treatments to prevent amputations including: (a) Coverage policies as it relates to treatment of  
26 diabetic foot ulcers including topical oxygen therapy; (b) Policies to address timely and equitable  
27 access to evidence-supported medical tools, technologies, and services to prevent avoidable  
28 amputations; (c) Improve and incentivize quality care to avoid amputations whenever possible;  
29 (d) Policies to promote collaboration; (5) The task force shall publish a report and present it to  
30 the Governor, the clerks of the House of Representatives and Senate, and the chairs of the Joint  
31 Committees on Public Health, Health Care Financing, and Financial Services by no later than  
32 September 1 of the year following passage into law.