

SENATE No.

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 relative to certified medication aides.

PETITION OF:

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1468 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act relative to certified medication aides.

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 111, as appearing in the Massachusetts General Laws 2022 Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting, after section 72BB the following new section:-

3 Section 72CC. (a) As used in this section the following words shall have the following
4 meaning:- A certified medication aide means a staff member, who meets the eligibility
5 requirements, has successfully completed the required training and competency testing
6 developed by the Department of Public Health, and is considered competent to administer oral
7 and topical non-narcotic medications to residents in long-term care facilities.

8 (b) The Department shall create a program for the administration of medications in long-
9 term care facilities by certified medication aides in consultation with all necessary and relevant
10 appropriate agencies, and licensing boards, including, but not limited to, the Board of
11 Registration in Nursing.

12 (c) The Department shall develop and approve training curricula, competency evaluation
13 procedures, standards for qualifications of applicants for certification and monitoring and
14 oversight requirements for participating long-term care facilities.

15 (d) The Department shall establish regulations that include: (1) provisions for continuing
16 education requirements for certified medication aides; (2) requirements for re-certification of
17 certified medication aides on a biennial basis; and (3) fees for the issuance of certification to
18 certified medication aides.

19 (e) The Department shall allow for the creation of apprenticeship programs for currently
20 employed resident care assistants (RCAs) and certified nurse aides (CNAs) to become certified
21 medication aides.

22 (f) The Department may promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of
23 this section.