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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Patricia A. Haddad**

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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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automatic external defibrillators for high school graduation.

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PETITION OF:

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| Patricia A. Haddad | 5th Bristol |
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| Alice K. Wolf | 25th Middlesex |
| John J. Binienda | 17th Worcester |
| John P. Fresolo | 16th Worcester |
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| Elizabeth Poirier | 14th Bristol |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act requiring instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automatic external 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:*

The first paragraph of section 1 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the sixth sentence and inserting in place thereof the following 2 sentences:-

All public high school students shall be required to study and to demonstrate a general knowledge of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automatic external defibrillators as a prerequisite for graduation. The department of education shall pay the cost of such instruction, which may be taught by anyone who is certified in cardiopulmonary resuscitation.