

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stephen Kulik

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 investigate the use of computed tomography (CT) scans in the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO INVESTIGATE THE USE OF COMPUTED TOMOGRAPHY (CT) SCANS IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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. Section 4F of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following two paragraphs:–
- 3 The advisory council shall investigate the use of computed tomography (CT) scans in the
4 Commonwealth. The advisory council shall consider the frequency of CT scan prescribing in the
5 population, the nature of CT scanning, the screening of asymptomatic patients, the associated radiation
6 doses and the consequent cancer risks in adults and particularly in children from CT scans.
- 7 The council shall make recommendations for changes, as appropriate, in the periodicity of said
8 screenings and any recommended tools to be used to track and assess individual risk associated with
9 screenings. The council shall file a comprehensive report under this paragraph with the joint
10 committees on public health and health care financing no later than December 31, 2010.