

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Harriette L. Chandler**

*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 making technical corrections to chapter 530 of the 2008 session laws.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Harriette L. Chandler

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Worcester

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT MAKING TECHNICAL CORRECTIONS TO CHAPTER 530 OF THE 2008 SESSION LAWS.

*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. The third paragraph of section 51 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, inserted by the acts of  
2 2008, is hereby amended by inserting after the sentence "A registered dental hygienist practicing as a  
3 public health dental hygienist may perform, without the supervision or direction of a dentist, in public  
4 health settings, any procedure or provide any service that is within the scope of his or her practice and  
5 that has been authorized and adopted by the board as a delegable procedure for dental hygienists in  
6 private practice under general supervision," the following --

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8 " , and conduct minor emergency denture adjustments to eliminate pain and discomfort in  
9 nursing homes and other long term care facilities under general supervision."

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11 Section 2. The third paragraph of section 51 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, inserted by the acts of  
12 2008, is hereby amended by striking the following language:

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14 "Public health settings shall include, but not be limited to, the following: residences of the  
15 homebound; schools; nursing homes and long-term care facilities; clinics, hospitals, medical facilities,  
16 community health centers and mobile and portable dental health programs licensed or certified by the  
17 department of public health; Head Start programs; and other facilities or programs deemed appropriate  
18 by the department of public health.

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20 And inserting the following –

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22 “Public health settings shall include, but not be limited to: residences of the homebound;  
23 schools; nursing homes and long-term care facilities; clinics, hospitals, medical facilities, and community  
24 health centers licensed or certified by the department of public health; mobile and portable dental  
25 health programs licensed or certified by the Department of Public Health *and operated by a local or*  
26 *state agency*; Head Start programs; and other facilities or programs deemed appropriate by the  
27 department of public health;

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