

HOUSE No. 2118

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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen Kulik	1st Franklin
Peter v. Kocot	1st Hampshire
Bill Bowles	2nd Bristol
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Mary E. Grant	6th Essex
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex

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 screenings
8 and any recommended tools to be used to track and assess individual risk associated with screenings. The
9 council shall file a comprehensive report under this paragraph with the joint committees on public health
10 and health care financing no later than December 31, 2010.