

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2159**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**John W. Scibak**

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

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

John W. Scibak

2nd Hampshire

Harriette L. Chandler

First Worcester

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO 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  
2 acts of 2008, is hereby amended by inserting after the sentence “A registered dental hygienist practicing  
3 as a 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 that  
5 has been authorized and adopted by the board as a delegable procedure for dental hygienists in private  
6 practice under general supervision,” the following --

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

9           Section 2. The third paragraph of section 51 of chapter 112 of the General Laws, inserted by the acts of  
10 2008, is hereby amended by striking the following language:

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

16           And inserting the following –

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