

HOUSE No. 3545

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Colleen M. Garry

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to sonographers and vascular technologists.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Colleen M. Garry

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

36th Middlesex

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By Miss Garry of Dracut, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3545) of Colleen M. Garry relative to sonographers and vascular technologists. Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to sonographers and vascular technologists.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 10J the
2 following section:-

3 Section 10K. (a) The following words as used in this section, unless a different meaning
4 is required by the context or is specifically prescribed, shall have the following meanings:

5 “Licensed physician” or “surgeon”, a physician or surgeon licensed pursuant to chapter
6 112.

7 “Sonographer” or “vascular technologist”, a non-physician who is qualified by national
8 credentialing to perform diagnostic medical ultrasound, including a ultrasound technologist or
9 sinologist.

10 (b) The division shall require that a sonographer or vascular technologist who, provides
11 the technical component of a diagnostic ultrasound service to an individual receiving services

12 pursuant to this chapter shall be credentialed in the appropriate modality by the American
13 Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography or Cardiovascular Credentialing International or
14 shall practice in a laboratory accredited by the American Institute of Ultrasound in Medicine, the
15 American Society for the Intersocietal Accreditation of Vascular Laboratories, or the
16 Intersocietal Commission for the Accreditation of Echocardiography Laboratories.

17 (c) Any sonographer or vascular technologist who is credentialed as required in
18 paragraph (b) shall perform the diagnostic ultrasound under the supervision of a licensed
19 physician or surgeon.

20 (d) This section and policies and procedures adopted pursuant to this section shall not
21 prohibit any physician or surgeon licensed pursuant to chapter 112 from performing the technical
22 component of a diagnostic ultrasound.