

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 416**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Patricia A. Haddad*

*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 requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Michael A. Costello</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>

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By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 416) of Patricia A. Haddad and others for legislation to require instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators as a prerequisite for a high school diploma. Education.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen  
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An Act requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation.

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

1           The first paragraph of section 1 of chapter 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the sixth sentence and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following sentences:-

4           All public high school students shall be required to study and to demonstrate a general  
5 knowledge of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automatic external defibrillators as a  
6 prerequisite for graduation. The instruction must be based on an instructional program  
7 established by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross or another program  
8 which is nationally recognized and uses the most current national evidence-based Emergency  
9 Cardiovascular Care guidelines and incorporates psychomotor skills development into the  
10 instruction. (1) “Psychomotor skills” is defined as the use of hands-on practicing and skills  
11 testing to support cognitive learning. The department of elementary and secondary education  
12 shall pay the cost of such instruction. A licensed teacher shall not be required to be a certified  
13 trainer of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, to facilitate, provide or oversee such instruction for  
14 non- certification. Courses which result in a certification being earned are required to be taught  
15 by an authorized CPR/AED instructor.