

**SENATE . . . . . No. 01106**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*John Hart, Jr.*

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*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 to increase access to vaccines.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*John Hart, Jr.*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Suffolk*

# SENATE . . . . . No. 01106

By Mr. Hart, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1106) of Hart for legislation to increase access to vaccines [Joint Committee on Public Health].

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to increase access to vaccines.

*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. In the definition of “Administer,” following subsection (c), include new  
2 subsection (d) For the purpose of administering a vaccination or immunization as defined by the  
3 Department of Public Health, a qualified medical assistant at the direction of a practitioner in the  
4 course of his professional practice.

5           Section 1. Following the section which defines “Practitioner” include: “Qualified  
6 Medical Assistant” A medical assistant who has completed a qualified medical assistants  
7 program, which program includes training on administration of vaccines and immunizations.  
8 The Department of Public Health shall maintain and publish a list of certified medical assistant  
9 programs.

10           Section 7(d) (4). After the words “practical nurse” add the words: or a qualified medical  
11 assistant.”

12           Section 9 (a). At the end of this section add the words: A practitioner may cause  
13 controlled substances for vaccines and immunizations to be administered under his direction by a  
14 qualified medical assistant.

15           Section 9 (b). In the first sentence of this section, following the words “veterinary  
16 medicine or as a nurse” include the words: or a qualified medical assistant.

17           Section 9 (c). In the second paragraph of this subsection, following the word “hygienist”  
18 include the words: or a qualified medical assistant”