

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1128**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Sonia Chang-Diaz***

*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 to increase access to immunizations.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                      | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:              |
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| <i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>    | <i>Second Suffolk</i>          |
| <i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>     | <i>15th Suffolk</i>            |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i>   | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i>      | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i>         |
| <i>Donald H. Wong</i>      | <i>9th Essex</i>               |
| <i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i> | <i>First Suffolk</i>           |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>   | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>   |

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By Ms. Chang-Diaz, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1128) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Jeffrey Sánchez, James B. Eldridge, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase access to immunizations. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to increase access to immunizations.

*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. Subsection (a) of section 9 of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the  
3 following:-

4 A practitioner may cause an immunization to be administered under the practitioner’s  
5 direction by a certified medical assistant pursuant to section 265 of chapter 112.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
7 following section:-

8 Section 265. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context  
9 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

10 “Certified Medical Assistant”, an individual who: (i) is a graduate of a post-  
11 secondary medical assisting education program accredited by the Committee on Allied Health

12 Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association, or its successor, the  
13 Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools, or its successor or such other certificate  
14 program as the Department of Public Health shall approve; (ii) is employed in the medical  
15 practice of a licensed primary care provider; and (iii) who performs basic administrative,  
16 clerical, and clinical duties upon the specific authorization and under the direct supervision of a  
17 licensed primary care provider.

18 “Direct Supervision”, oversight of a certified medical assistant exercised by a primary  
19 care provider who is present in the facility and immediately available to furnish assistance and  
20 direction throughout the course of the performance of a delegated procedure but is not required  
21 to be present in the room when the procedure is being performed.

22 “Primary care provider”, a health care professional qualified to provide general medical  
23 care for common health care problems who: (i) supervises, coordinates, prescribes, or otherwise  
24 provides or proposes health care services; (ii) initiates referrals for specialist care; and (iii)  
25 maintains continuity of care within the scope of practice.

26 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a primary care provider  
27 acting within their designated scope of practice may delegate the administration of an  
28 immunization to a patient to a certified medical assistant.

29 (c) The department of public health shall promulgate regulations governing the  
30 administration of immunizations by certified medical assistants

31 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing the licensure of certified  
32 medical assistants.