

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1344**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 certified medication aides.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1344) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to certified medication aides. Public Health.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to certified medication aides.

*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. Chapter 111, as appearing in the Massachusetts General Laws 2016 Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting, after section 72BB the following new section:-

3           Section 72CC. (a) As used in this section the following words shall have the following  
4 meaning:- A certified medication aide means a staff member, who meets the eligibility  
5 requirements, has successfully completed the required training and competency testing  
6 developed by the Department of Public Health, and is considered competent to administer  
7 medications to residents in long-term care facilities.

8           (b) The Department shall create a program for the administration of medications in long-  
9 term care facilities by certified medication aides in consultation with all necessary and relevant  
10 appropriate agencies, and licensing boards.

11 (c) The Department shall develop and approve training curricula, competency evaluation  
12 procedures, standards for qualifications of applicants for certification and monitoring and  
13 oversight requirements for participating long-term care facilities.

14 (d) The Department shall establish regulations that include: (1) provisions for continuing  
15 education requirements for certified medication aides; (2) requirements for re-certification of  
16 certified medication aides on a biennial basis; and (3) fees for the issuance of certification to  
17 certified medication aides.

18 (e) The Department may promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of  
19 this section.

20 The provisions of this bill are not mandatory upon any long-term care facility or long-  
21 term care employee. A long-term care facility may not, as a condition of employment, require  
22 any of its employees to become certified medication aides.