

SENATE No. 01782

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Rodrigues

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 relative to do not resuscitate registration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael J. Rodrigues

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Bristol and Plymouth

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By Mr. Rodrigues, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1782) of Rodrigues for legislation to register do-not-resuscitate orders when applying for a license [Joint Committee on Transportation].

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to do not resuscitate registration.

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 90 of the General Laws is hereby further amended after Section 8D
2 by adding the following new section:- Section 8D½. The registrar of motor vehicles, in
3 cooperation with the executive office of health and human services, shall develop and implement
4 a program allowing persons to register do-not-resuscitate orders as part of the application for a
5 license to operate a motor vehicle and an identification card. After a person has completed
6 registration, the program shall include notations on identification cards, motor vehicle licenses
7 and registration notices to indicate the existence of documentation relative to a do-not-resuscitate
8 order. A registration card distributed by the registrar shall include information and
9 documentation relative to the do-not-resuscitate order as determined by said department. The
10 registrar shall make available a suitable decal to be affixed to the motor vehicle license or
11 identification card of a person who has indicated intent to register do-not-resuscitate orders under
12 the provisions of said section. The registrar shall develop a means by which a person licensed by

13 the registrar to operate a motor vehicle or holding an identification card issued under section 8E
14 to register do-not-resuscitate orders through the registry's website. The means shall be in
15 addition to and shall contain the same security provisions as provided for the online renewal of
16 licenses and registrations. The registrar, in cooperation with the executive office of health and
17 human services, shall promulgate rules and regulations to implement the provisions of this
18 section.