

By Mr. Amorello, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 394) of Matthew J. Amorello, Christopher M. Lane and Robert L. Hedlund for legislation relative to training for emergency personnel in long term care facilities. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT SPECIFYING TRAINING FOR EMERGENCY PERSONNEL IN LONG TERM CARE FACILITIES.

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

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding
2 the following new section: —

3 Section 72A. All convalescent or nursing homes, rest homes
4 and charitable homes for the aged, as defined in section 71 of this
5 chapter, shall require that all medical assistants, personal care
6 attendants, and persons designated as first responders in
7 emergency situations be trained to administer first aid, including,
8 but not limited to, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, and
9 performance of the "Heimlich maneuver". The training in
10 cardiopulmonary resuscitation shall not be less than the standards
11 established by the American Red Cross or by the Committee on
12 Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and Emergency Care of the
13 American Heart Association. Such training shall be completed as
14 soon as practical, but in no event more than one year after the
15 date of their employment.

16 The department shall make such rules and regulations as may
17 be necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

