

By Mr. Fennell of Lynn, petition of Robert F. Fennell and others for legislation to require instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automatic external defibrillators for high school graduation. Education.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Robert F. Fennell  
Steven M. Walsh

Thomas M. McGee

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT REQUIRING INSTRUCTION IN CARDIOPULMONARY RESUSCITATION AND THE USE OF AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS FOR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION.

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

1 The first paragraph of section 1 of chapter 71 of the General  
2 Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended  
3 by striking out the sixth sentence and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following 2 sentences:—

5 All public high school students shall be required to study and to  
6 demonstrate a general knowledge of cardiopulmonary resuscitation  
7 and the use of automatic external defibrillators as a prerequisite for  
8 graduation. The department of education shall pay the cost of such  
9 instruction, which may be taught by anyone who is certified in car-  
10 diopulmonary resuscitation.

