

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 01027**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Joyce A. Spiliotis*

*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 establishing a board of registration of phlebotomists

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Joyce A. Spiliotis</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
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By Ms. Joyce A. Spiliotis of Peabody, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01027) of Susan Williams Gifford and others for legislation to establish a board of registration of phlebotomists. Joint Committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ HOUSE  
□ , NO. 312 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act establishing a board of registration of phlebotomists

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*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 13 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following new  
2 sections:—

3 Section 101. There shall be a board of registration of phlebotomists, in section 101 to  
4 105, inclusive, to be called the board which shall consist of 7 members, one of whom shall be the  
5 commissioner of public health, or his designee, and 6 of which shall be appointed by the  
6 governor. Members of the board shall be residents of the commonwealth and citizens of the  
7 United States. Six members of the board shall be licensed phlebotomists, under the provisions of  
8 sections 227 to 231 of chapter 112, except in cases of members originally appointed to the board,

9 two of whom must have at least 10 years of active work experience as a phlebotomist, and one  
10 member of the board shall be a representative of the public subject to section 9B. The board of  
11 registration of phlebotomists shall establish the requirements for licensure, fees, continuing  
12 education, and standards for the licensure, and professional and ethical conduct in accordance  
13 with the provisions of this chapter. The board shall determine the qualifications of applicants to  
14 be licensed, and grant licenses to applicants who qualify under this chapter and chapter 112 and  
15 meet the requirements of the board's rules and regulations. The governor shall designate the  
16 chairperson of the board, and may, at any time, change such designation. Members shall be  
17 appointed for terms of three years. No member shall be appointed to more than two consecutive  
18 full terms but a member appointed for less than a full term may serve two full terms in addition  
19 to such part of a full term. A member may be removed by the governor for neglect of duty,  
20 misconduct or malfeasance or misfeasance in office after a written notice of the charges against  
21 him and an opportunity to be heard. The governor may also fill any vacancy in the board for the  
22 unexpired portion of the term.

23 Section 102. The members of the board shall serve without compensation; provided, however,  
24 that each member shall be reimbursed for actual expenses reasonably incurred in the  
25 performance of duties as a member or on behalf of the board

26 Section 103. The board shall hold at least 2 regular meetings in each calendar year, at such time  
27 or places as the board shall determine, for the purpose of examining applicants for registration  
28 and the transaction of other business.

29 SECTION 2. Subsection 1(e) of section 24 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in  
30 the 2006 edition, is hereby amended by inserting in Line 481 after the words:- “registered nurse”  
31 the following:- , a phlebotomist, as licensed under chapter 112 of the General Laws,

32 SECTION 3. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof  
33 the following new sections:-

34 Section 227. As used in sections 227 to 238, inclusive, the following words shall, unless the  
35 context clearly means otherwise, have the following meanings: “approved national certification  
36 agency”, one of the nationally recognized agencies that certify phlebotomists by examination,  
37 including but not limited to:

38 (i) American Society for Clinical Pathology;

39 (ii) American Medical Technologists, National Credentialing Agency;

40 (iii) American Certification Agency; or

41 (iv) Any agency approved by the board.

42 “Board”, the board of registration of phlebotomy established by section 101 of chapter 13 of the  
43 General Laws.

44 “Phlebotomist”, a person whose responsibilities include, but are not limited to, collecting blood  
45 samples from patients under the instruction of a physician licensed under section 2 of chapter  
46 112 of the General Laws, separating blood into different test tubes in order for it to be used in  
47 medical tests, accurately labeling said tubes and insuring correct samples are sent to the  
48 laboratory.

49 “Phlebotomy”, the incision into a vein or artery for the purpose of drawing blood.

50 Section 228. The board may issue necessary rules and regulations for the proper conduct of its  
51 duties, including rules governing the qualifications of applicants, and shall keep a full record of  
52 its proceedings and keep a record of the names of all persons examined or registered by it, which  
53 shall be open to public inspection. Said record shall include the licensee name, last known  
54 employer and residential address, date of licensing and license number.

55 The board shall make an annual report containing a full and complete account of all of its official  
56 acts during the preceding year.

57 Section 229. No person shall represent himself to be a phlebotomist or in the business of  
58 phlebotomy or use the title phlebotomist in the commonwealth on any sign, title, card, or other  
59 device to indicate that such person is a phlebotomist, unless such person shall have secured from  
60 the board a certificate of registration as a phlebotomist.

61 Section 230. Every person, before engaging in the practice of phlebotomy in this commonwealth,  
62 shall make application to the board. Applications for registration as phlebotomists shall be made  
63 upon a form to be prescribed by the board and in the handwriting of the applicant and furnished  
64 by the board. No person shall be registered by the board as a phlebotomist unless he has been  
65 found by the board to be eighteen years of age or over, a resident of the commonwealth, is of  
66 good moral character, files an application with evidence of current certification granted by a  
67 board approved by a national certification agency, provides proof of meeting educational  
68 standards as established by the board, and a registration fee to be determined by the  
69 commissioner of administration under the provision of section 3B of chapter 7. If the board  
70 deems an applicant’s qualifications are satisfactory, the board shall issue to him a license. The

71 board shall make such rules as they deem proper for the performance of their duties and rules  
72 governing the qualifications of applicants for examination.

73 Section 231. Each registration granted under sections two-hundred twenty eight to two hundred  
74 twenty nine shall expire two years after issuance and shall be renewed upon the filing of an  
75 application therefore, evidence of current certification from an approved national certification  
76 agency, evidence of completion of continuing education as determined by the board through rule  
77 or regulation, and the payment of the prescribed renewal fee, on or before its expiration, and any  
78 further requirements as established by the board through rule or regulation. No person registered  
79 under said sections as a phlebotomist shall engage in the occupation covered by such registration  
80 until the prescribed renewal requirements as established by the board have been performed and  
81 evidence thereof submitted. Any phlebotomist whose registration has not been renewed within  
82 three years following the date of expiration thereof shall be entitled to renewal of such  
83 registration upon filing an application, accompanied by the proper fee therefore, by submitting  
84 evidence of certification from an approved national certification agency and any further  
85 requirements as established by the board through rule or regulation. A licensee must maintain  
86 certification from an approved national certification agency at all times.

87 Section 232. Upon payment to the board of a fee and the submission of a written application  
88 provided by said board, the board shall issue a license to a person who holds a valid license or  
89 registration issued by another jurisdiction which has standards substantially equivalent to or  
90 exceeding the standards of the commonwealth, as determined by the board, and extends similar  
91 privileges to persons licensed by the commonwealth.

92 Section 233. Any person aggrieved by the refusal of the board to grant, or by its suspension or  
93 cancellation of, a registration, or by its refusal to again register him, may, within ten days after  
94 such action, appeal to the district court within the judicial district of which he resides by bringing  
95 a petition in said court addressed to the justice of the court, praying for a rehearing by the court.  
96 Upon the filing of the petition for a rehearing in the case of a suspension or cancellation of a  
97 registration, such suspension or cancellation shall be stayed pending the final decision of the  
98 court. After such notice to the board as the court deems necessary, the court shall hear the  
99 witnesses and shall affirm the decision of the board, unless it shall appear that it was made  
100 without proper cause or in bad faith, in which case the decision of the board shall be reversed.  
101 The court shall hear the petition within thirty days of the filing of it in said court. The decision of  
102 the court shall be final and conclusive.

103 Section 234. The board may establish by rule or regulation the minimum educational and  
104 experience qualifications which the applicant must possess before being allowed to apply for a  
105 license under this chapter.

106 Section 235. Every person engaged in the business of phlebotomy not lawfully registered or  
107 licensed under this board is forbidden to do so under sections 227 to 237 inclusive and every  
108 person so licensed violating any provision of sections one to fifteen, inclusive, of this chapter or  
109 any ordinance, by-law, rule or regulation made there under, shall be punished by a fine not  
110 exceeding one hundred dollars per day.

111 Section 236. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the board shall issue a  
112 phlebotomist license without examination to an applicant who meets the requirements of sections  
113 227 to 237 and provides to the board satisfaction that he is and actually has been in the paid

114 professional practice for 5 years out of the last 10 years in the field of phlebotomy, preceding the  
115 effective date of this act. The board, in its discretion, may waive the education requirements for  
116 an applicant if it determines that an applicant's combined professional and education credentials  
117 meet the intent of this act. The provisions of this section shall expire one year following the  
118 effective date of this act.

119 Section 237. The requirements contained in sections 227 to 237, inclusive, shall not be construed  
120 to prevent any of the following persons from acting within the scope of their profession:

121 (i) Certified clinical laboratory scientists;

122 (ii) Medical technologists;

123 (iii) Medical laboratory technicians; or

124 (iv) Physicians licensed under section 2 of Chapter 112 of the General laws.