

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3733**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Patricia A. Haddad***

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*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 requiring instruction in CPR and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patricia A. Haddad*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*5th Bristol*

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By Mrs. Haddad of Somerset, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patricia A. Haddad relative to requiring instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of defibrillators for high school graduation. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act requiring instruction in CPR and the use of 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 Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the sixth sentence and inserting in place  
3 thereof the following sentences:-

4           All public high school students shall be required to study and to demonstrate a general  
5 knowledge of cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of automatic external defibrillators as a  
6 prerequisite for graduation. The instruction must be based on an instructional program  
7 established by the American Heart Association or the American Red Cross or another program  
8 which is nationally recognized and uses the most current national evidence-based Emergency  
9 Cardiovascular Care guidelines and incorporates psychomotor skills development into the  
10 instruction. (1) “Psychomotor skills” is defined as the use of hands-on practicing and skills  
11 testing to support cognitive learning. A licensed teacher shall not be required to be a certified  
12 trainer of cardiopulmonary resuscitation, to facilitate, provide or oversee such instruction for

- 13 non- certification. Courses which result in a certification being earned are required to be taught
- 14 by an authorized CPR/AED instructor.