

HOUSE No. 3895

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, December 10, 2015.

The committee on Health Care Financing to whom was referred the Bill to increase access to immunizations (House, No. 3870), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 3875).

For the committee,

JEFFREY SÁNCHEZ.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act to increase access to immunizations.

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. Subsection (a) of section 9 of chapter 94C of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the
3 following:-

4 A practitioner may cause an immunization to be administered under the practitioner’s
5 direction by a certified medical assistant pursuant to section 265 of chapter 112.

6 SECTION 2. Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
7 following section:-

8 Section 265. (a) As used in this section, the following words shall, unless the context
9 clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

10 “Certified Medical Assistant”, an individual who: (i) is a graduate of a post-
11 secondary medical assisting education program accredited by the Committee on Allied Health
12 Education and Accreditation of the American Medical Association, or its successor, the

13 Accrediting Bureau of Health Education Schools, or its successor or such other certificate
14 program as the commissioner of public health shall approve; (ii) is employed in the medical
15 practice of a licensed primary care provider; and (iii) who performs basic administrative,
16 clerical, and clinical duties upon the specific authorization and under the direct supervision of a
17 licensed primary care provider.

18 “Direct Supervision”, oversight of a certified medical assistant exercised by a primary
19 care provider who is present in the facility and immediately available to furnish assistance and
20 direction throughout the course of the performance of a delegated procedure but is not required
21 to be present in the room when the procedure is being performed.

22 “Primary care provider”, a health care professional qualified to provide general medical
23 care for common health care problems who: (i) supervises, coordinates, prescribes, or otherwise
24 provides or proposes health care services; (ii) initiates referrals for specialist care; and (iii)
25 maintains continuity of care within the scope of practice.

26 (b) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a primary care provider
27 acting within their designated scope of practice may delegate the administration of an
28 immunization to a patient to a certified medical assistant.

29 (c) The department of public health shall promulgate regulations governing the
30 administration of immunizations by certified medical assistants

31 (d) Nothing in this section shall be construed as authorizing the licensure of certified
32 medical assistants.