

HOUSE No. 3972

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc T. Lombardo

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 relative to recognizing cheerleading as a sport.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3972) of Marc T. Lombardo relative to classifying cheerleading as a school sport and providing for student participation in cheerleading. Education.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to recognizing cheerleading as a sport.

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 71 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 47 the following section:-

3 Section 47A. (a) Every school district in the commonwealth shall, directly or through an
4 authorized representative, in consultation with the department, develop guidelines, procedures
5 and safety standards for the purpose of classifying cheerleading as a sport and providing for
6 student participation in cheerleading.

7 (b) The school district or its authorized representative shall require any coach of
8 cheerleading to receive training specific to the sport of cheerleading and the safety of
9 cheerleaders.

10 (c) The requirements of this section shall be in addition to any requirements set forth in
11 section 47 or any other applicable provision of this chapter.