SENATE No. 1180

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 resolve:

Resolve establishing a medical dosimetrist commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:Cynthia S. CreemFirst Middlesex and Norfolk

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1180) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to establish a medical dosimetrist commission. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 1135 OF 2015-2016.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court (2017-2018)

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Resolved, a commission is hereby established to perform a study relative to licensure or certification of medical dosimetrists. The commission shall consist of 3 members of the senate, 1 who shall be the senate chair of the joint committee on public health or a designee and 1 who shall be appointed by the minority leader; 3 members of the house of representatives, 1 who shall be the house chair of the joint committee on public health and 1 who shall be appointed by the minority leader; and 7 members to be appointed by the governor, including the Commissioner of Public Health or designee, who shall serve as chair, 3 medical dosimetrists, 2 physicians licensed and practicing in a radiation therapy subspecialty under the provisions of MGL Chapter 112, and 1 representative of a patient advocacy organization.

The special commission shall study the advisability of creating licensure or certification requirements for those individuals who are practicing dosimetry in the Commonwealth.

The special commission may conduct public hearings to gather information. The department of public health may provide staff and other resources to the commission as the commission and the department consider appropriate. The report may include guidelines for full licensure and conditional licensing of dosimetrists. The commission shall make its final report and recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to implement such recommendations, by filing the same with the joint committee on public health not later than December 31, 2018. The special commission may make such interim reports as it considers appropriate.