

SENATE No. 819

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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 Relative to Accessible Medical Equipment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Susan C. Tucker	Second Essex and Middlesex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ACCESSIBLE MEDICAL EQUIPMENT.

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 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 5S the following section:-
3 Section 5T (a) The department shall promulgate rules and regulations establishing standards for
4 the minimum technical criteria for medical diagnostic equipment used in or in conjunction with
5 physician's offices, clinics, emergency rooms, hospitals, and other medical settings. The
6 standards shall ensure that such equipment is accessible to, and usable by, individuals with
7 disabilities, and shall allow independent entry to, use of, and exit from the equipment by such
8 individuals to the maximum extent possible.
9 (b) Medical Diagnostic Equipment Covered- The standards issued under subsection (a) for
10 medical diagnostic equipment shall apply to equipment that includes examination tables,
11 examination chairs (including chairs used for eye examinations or procedures, and dental
12 examinations or procedures), weight scales, mammography equipment, x-ray machines and other
13 diagnostic radiological equipment, and any other equipment commonly used for diagnostic
14 purposes by health professionals.