

HOUSE No. 3870

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, November 25, 2015.

The committee on the Public Health to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1128) of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Jeffrey Sánchez, James B. Eldridge, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase access to immunizations and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2051) of Jeffrey Sánchez and others for legislation to increase access to vaccines, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 3870) ought to pass.

For the committee,

KATE HOGAN.

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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 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding 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-secondary
11 medical assisting education program accredited by the Committee on Allied Health Education
12 and Accreditation of the American Medical Association, or its successor, the Accrediting Bureau

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

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

22 “Provider”, a health care professional qualified under the laws of the commonwealth to
23 provide general or specialized medical care and who supervises, coordinates, prescribes, or
24 otherwise provides or proposes health care services. A provider may include a primary care
25 provider or any other provider, including a specialist provider, who is qualified to authorize and
26 direct a certified medical assistant to perform a delegated procedure, including administration of
27 an immunization.

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

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

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

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The committee on Public Health
to whom ^{were} ~~was~~ referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate
~~House~~, No. 1128)

of Sonia Chang-Diaz, Jeffrey Sánchez, James B. Eldridge, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase access to immunizations.

and the

~~By Mr. Sánchez of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2051) of Jeffrey Sánchez and others for legislation to increase access to vaccines, Public Health.~~

REPORT recommending that the ~~bill / resolve~~ accompanying ^{bill (House, No. 3870)} ~~said petition~~ ought to pass.

Kate Hogan

For the Committee.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives, December 14, 2015

The committee on Health Care Financing

to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by ~~_____~~, House No. _____)
Bill to increase access to immunizations (House, No. 3870),

bill

REPORT recommending that the ~~bill/resolve accompanying said petition~~
ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor ~~the~~ accompanying bill
(House, No. 3895).

Jeffrey Sanchez

For the Committee.

House, No. 3870

BILL TO INCREASE ACCESS TO
IMMUNIZATIONS.

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H. R.,
~~Read~~ and Referred, under Joint Rule 1E,
to the committee on Health Care Financing.

Stewart T. James, Clerk.

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DEC 14 2015
H. R.,
Read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the
committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.
with the amendment (H. 3895)
pending.

Stewart T. James, Clerk

December 17, 2015, Reported; and
placed in O.D. for a second reading.

DAVID W. ...
For the committee.

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Dec. 17, 2015, - Rule 7A suspended,
read 2nd., amended (as recom.
by HCF) by substitution of House,
No. 3895.