

HOUSE No. 01472

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian Dempsey

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 medication technician..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Brian Dempsey

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

3rd Essex

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By Mr. Brian Dempsey of Haverhill, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01472) of Brian Dempsey for legislation to authorize the Department of Public Health to certify medication technicians for dispensing certain oral medications in nursing facilities. Joint Committee on Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
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□ , NO. 2041 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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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 72 of Chapter 111 of the Massachusetts General Laws as appearing in the 2004
2 edition is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:-

3 Section 72Z. As used in this section the following words shall have the following meanings:-

4 “Long term care facility,” a convalescent home, nursing home, rest home or charitable home
5 for the aged licensed under the provisions of section seventy one of said chapter.

6 “Medication technician,” any employee of a long term care facility who has certification and
7 under the guidance of a registered nurse dispenses to a patient in a long term care facility any

8 oral medication, which is not included in the schedules of controlled substances established
9 under the Federal Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act.

10 The department shall establish standards for training and certification of medication
11 technicians. Training shall include, but not be limited to quality measurements to assure
12 competency and ongoing educational requirements.

13 Any person administering a long term care facility may hire a medication technician who has
14 documented evidence of having satisfactorily completed a training program and competency test
15 approved by the department on the topic of dispensing medications.

16 The department shall make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the
17 provisions of this section.