

HOUSE No. 01510

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Vincent A. Pedone

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 Providing For The Information Submitted By Hospital Medical Staff..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Vincent A. Pedone

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

15th Worcester

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By Mr. Vincent A. Pedone of Worcester, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01510) of Vincent A. Pedone for legislation to protect certain information provided by hospital staff persons. Joint Committee on Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 3597 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 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 57D
- 2 the following new sections: --
- 3 Section 57E. Definitions.
- 4 (1) "Hospital" as used in section 57F means any hospital licensed under section 51 of this
- 5 chapter.
- 6 (2) "Medical staff" as used in section 57F means those physicians and other health care
- 7 professionals who are privileged to attend patients in a hospital.

8 Section 57F. All personal and financial information disclosed by members of a hospital
9 medical staff, or, by physicians or other health care professionals seeking to join a hospital's
10 medical staff pursuant to hospital conflict of interest policies shall not be used for other purposes
11 or disclosed to other parties. This section does not relieve any individual or hospital of the duty
12 to comply with requirements of any applicable general or special law regarding the protection
13 and privacy of personal information.

14 Section 57G. Any person who has been injured by a violation of section 57F of this chapter
15 may bring an action in the superior court for damages and such equitable relief as the court
16 deems necessary and proper.

17 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2010.