

HOUSE No. 1952

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William C. Galvin, (BY REQUEST)

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 bill:

An Act relative to the substitution of generic drugs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Steven B. Drobnis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

287 York Street

Stoughton, MA 02072

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By Mr. Galvin of Canton (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1952) of Steven B. Drobnis relative to the substitution of generic drugs. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1962 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to the substitution of generic drugs.

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. Section 12D of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 edition, is hereby amended by striking out the seventh paragraph and inserting in place thereof
3 the following paragraph:-

4 The provisions of this section shall apply to prescriptions dispensed in a hospital licensed
5 under section 51 of chapter 111 and prescriptions dispensed by a hospitalist or doctor; provided
6 further that no hospital, hospitalist or doctor shall change a drug prescribed by the primary care
7 physician of the patient without consent of the patient and his or her primary care physician; and
8 provided further that all outpatient prescriptions dispensed in a hospital shall be on prescription
9 forms as required by this section and that no retail pharmacy, however organized, shall be
10 exempted from the provisions of this section.