

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2056**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*John W. Scibak*

*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 providing for the establishment and operation of a cancer drug repository program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*John W. Scibak*

*Benjamin Swan*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*2nd Hampshire*

*11th Hampden*

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2056) of John W. Scibak and Benjamin Swan that the Board of Registration in Pharmacy be authorized to provide for the establishment and operation of a cancer drug repository program. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2081 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act providing for the establishment and operation of a cancer drug repository program.

*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 2012 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 25P the following section:

3 Section 25Q. Cancer drug repository program.

4 The following words as used in this chapter, unless a different meaning is required by the  
5 context or is specifically prescribed, shall have the following meanings:

6 “Board”, the Board of Registration in Pharmacy.

7 “Cancer drug”, a prescription drug that is used to treat any of the following:

8 Cancer or the side effects of cancer.

9           The side effects of a prescription drug used to treat cancer or its side effects.

10           “Commissioner”, the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health.

11           “Department”, the Department of Public Health.

12           “Dispense”, has the meaning given to that term in Section 1 of Chapter 94 C of the  
13 General Laws.

14           “Medical facility” means any of the following:

15           An entity licensed by the Commonwealth to provide clinically related health services,  
16 including any hospital or clinic, nursing home or long-term care nursing facility, or hospice, as  
17 defined in section 71 of chapter 111 of the General Laws.

18           A cancer treatment center where radiation therapy and chemotherapy are administered on  
19 an ambulatory basis.

20           An office where a physician licensed to practice medicine in the Commonwealth  
21 conducts the practice of medicine.

22           “Pharmacy”, any pharmacy licensed by the Commonwealth for transacting retail drug  
23 business in accordance with Section 38 of Chapter 112 of the General Laws.

24           “Program”, the Cancer Drug Repository Program established in Section 2.

25           “Supplies”, any supplies used in the administration of a cancer drug.

26           The Department and the Board of Registration in Pharmacy shall establish a cancer drug  
27 repository program for the purpose of authorizing and facilitating the donation of cancer drugs or

28 supplies and their dispensation to residents of the Commonwealth who meet the eligibility  
29 standards established in the administrative regulations promulgated by the Department and the  
30 Board pursuant to Section 5 of this Act. Under the program, donations may be made on the  
31 premises of a medical facility or pharmacy that elects to participate in the program and meets the  
32 requirements specified in Section 3 of this Act as well as those promulgated by the Department  
33 in regulations.

34 Requirements for participation by pharmacies and medical facilities.

35 (a) Participation in the program shall be voluntary.

36 (b) To be eligible for participation in the cancer drug repository program, a pharmacy of  
37 medical facility must be licensed and in compliance with all applicable federal and state laws and  
38 administrative rules and regulations.

39 (c) A pharmacy or medical facility may fully participate in the cancer drug repository  
40 program by accepting, storing, and dispensing donated drugs and supplies, or may limit its  
41 participation to only accepting and storing donated drugs and supplies. If a pharmacy or medical  
42 facility chooses to limit its participation, the pharmacy or facility shall distribute any donated  
43 drugs to a fully participating cancer drug repository in accordance with Section 3.

44 (d) A pharmacy or medical facility may withdraw from participation in the cancer drug  
45 repository program at any time upon notification in writing to the commissioner.

46 Any person or entity, including but not limited to, a cancer drug manufacturer, or medical  
47 facility, may donate cancer drugs or supplies to the program or to a participating pharmacy or  
48 medical facility. Cancer drugs or supplies may not be donated to a specific cancer patient, and

49 donated drugs or supplies may not be resold by the program or a participating pharmacy or  
50 medical facility.

51 A cancer drug or supplies needed to administer a cancer drug may be accepted and  
52 dispensed under the program if all of the following requirements are met:

53 (a) The cancer drug or supplies to administer a cancer drug is in its original, unopened,  
54 sealed and tamper-evident unit-dose packaging or, if packaged in single-unit doses, the single-  
55 unit-dose packaging is unopened.

56 (b) The cancer drug bears an expiration date that is later than 6 months after the date that  
57 the drug was donated.

58 (c) The cancer drug or supplies needed to administer a cancer drug are not adulterated or  
59 misbranded, as determined by a pharmacist who must inspect the drug or supplies before it can  
60 be dispensed.

61 The drugs accepted under the program may be distributed to another participating  
62 physician's office, pharmacy, hospital or health clinic for dispensing. Nothing in this section  
63 shall be construed as prohibiting a pharmacy or medical facility from accepting drugs that are not  
64 eligible to be dispensed under the drug repository program for the proper disposal of those drugs.

65 Storage, distribution and fees.

66 (a) A pharmacy or medical facility that accepts donated cancer drugs under the program  
67 shall comply with all applicable provisions of Federal and State law relating to the storage,  
68 distribution and dispensing of cancer drugs.

69 (b) The cancer drugs dispensed through the program shall only be dispensed pursuant to a  
70 prescription issued by a prescribing practitioner.

71 (c) A pharmacy or medical facility may charge a handling fee for distributing or  
72 dispensing cancer drugs under the program. The fee shall be established in regulations  
73 promulgated by the Board.

74 Immunity.

75 (a) Unless a pharmaceutical manufacturer exercises bad faith, the manufacturer is not  
76 subject to criminal or civil liability for injury, death, or loss to a person or property for matters  
77 related to the donation, acceptance, or dispensing of a cancer drug or supply manufactured by the  
78 manufacturer that is donated by any person under this Act, including liability for failure to  
79 transfer or communicate product or consumer information or the expiration date of the donated  
80 cancer drug or supply.

81 (b) Except as provided in Section 6 (c), a pharmacy or medical facility participating in the  
82 program, a pharmacist dispensing a drug or supply pursuant to the program, a practitioner  
83 administering a drug or supply pursuant to the program, or the donor of a cancer drug or supply  
84 is immune from civil liability for an act or omission that causes injury to or the death of an  
85 individual to whom the cancer drug is dispensed and no disciplinary action shall be taken against  
86 a pharmacist or practitioner so long as the drug or supply is donated, accepted, distributed, and  
87 dispensed in accordance with the requirements of this section.

88 (c) The immunity or the prohibition of a finding of guilty of unprofessional conduct  
89 under Section 6(b) does not extend to the donation, acceptance, distribution, or dispensation of a

90 cancer drug or supply by a person whose act or omission involved reckless, wanton, or  
91 intentional misconduct, or malpractice unrelated to the quality of the cancer drug or supply.

92 In consultation with the Department, the Board shall establish rules and regulations  
93 governing the drug repository program that establish all of the following:

94 (a) Eligibility criteria for pharmacies and medical facilities to receive and dispense  
95 donated drugs under the program.

96 Standards and procedures for accepting, safely storing, and dispensing donated cancer  
97 drugs or supplies needed to administer cancer drugs.

98 (b) Standards and procedures for inspecting donated cancer drugs or supplies needed to  
99 administer cancer drugs to determine whether the drugs or supplies are in their original,  
100 unopened sealed and tamper-evident unit-dose packaging or, if packaged in single-unit doses, the  
101 single-unit-dose packaging is unopened.

102 (c) Standards and procedures for inspecting donated cancer drugs or supplies needed to  
103 administer cancer drugs to determine that the drugs or supplies are not adulterated or misbranded  
104 and are safe and suitable for dispensing;

105 Eligibility criteria for individuals to receive donated cancer drugs or supplies needed to  
106 administer cancer drugs. The standards shall include a method to determine priority of eligible  
107 patients under the program.

108 (d) A means, such as an identification card, by which an individual who is eligible to  
109 receive donated cancer drugs or supplies needed to administer cancer drugs may demonstrate  
110 eligibility to the pharmacy, hospital, or nonprofit clinic dispensing the drugs;

111 (e)A form that an individual receiving a drug from the repository must sign before  
112 receiving the drug to confirm that the individual understands the immunity provisions of the  
113 program;

114 (f)A formula to determine the handling fee that pharmacies, hospitals, and nonprofit  
115 clinics may charge to drug recipients to cover restocking and dispensing costs;

116 (g)A list of cancer drugs and supplies to administer cancer drugs, arranged either by  
117 category or by individual drug or supply, that the repository will accept for dispensing.

118 (h)A list of cancer drugs and supplies to administer cancer drugs, arranged either by  
119 category or by individual drug or supply, that the repository will not accept for dispensing. The  
120 list must include a statement that specifies the reason that the drug or supplies are ineligible for  
121 donation.

122 (i)Any other standards and procedures the Board considers appropriate.