

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2074**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Walter F. Timilty*

*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 patients rights.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Timilty of Milton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2074) of Walter F. Timilty and others relative to the rights of patients to certain bulk medications upon discharge from medical facilities. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2097 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 relative to patients rights.

*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 70E of chapter 11 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (n) the following subsection:-  
  
3           (o) to obtain from the facility in charge of his care, upon discharge, any bulk medications  
4 that were prescribed for him during his stay including, but not limited to, aerosol inhalers, topical  
5 products such as creams and powders eye drops, insulins and special order items, provided that  
6 any such items are patient specific and personal and would not otherwise be used in the treatment  
7 of another patient. Upon discharge from the hospital, these bulk items shall be considered the  
8 personal property of the patient and the physician shall include in discharge orders that the  
9 patient be provided with the specific bulk products that were used in the hospital with use  
10 directions. The department shall promulgate regulations to implement this section.