

HOUSE No. 4044

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark J. Cusack

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 protecting senior health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mark J. Cusack

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

5th Norfolk

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By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Mark J. Cusack relative to immunizations against the influenza virus to all inpatients 65 years of age and older. Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen

An Act relative to protecting senior health.

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 229: The commissioner shall adopt regulations requiring hospitals to offer, prior
2 to discharge, immunizations against the influenza virus to all inpatients 65 years of age and older
3 for each calendar year beginning on October 1st and continuing until March 1st of the following
4 year; provided that, such offer is not contradicted.

5 The immunization shall be provided based upon the availability of the influenza vaccine
6 at the time of the offer and in accordance with the latest recommendations of the Advisory
7 Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.