

**SENATE . . . . . No. 828**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Thomas P. Kennedy**

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*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 to promote urinary incontinence health management.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas P. Kennedy	Second Plymouth and Bristol
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
Michael Brady	9th Plymouth
David B. Sullivan	6th Bristol
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Michael Brady	9th Plymouth
Peter J. Koutoujian	10th Middlesex

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT TO PROMOTE URINARY INCONTINENCE HEALTH MANAGEMENT.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws, is hereby amended by adding the following new

2 section: - CHAPTER 111. Public Health

3 Chapter 111: Section 4M. Urinary incontinence health management pilot program

4 There shall be a pilot program, overseen by the Department of Public Health and administered at

5 two of Massachusetts' 480 licensed long-term health care facilities; one facility located in the

6 western region of Massachusetts and the other in the southeastern region, to develop and

7 implement a comprehensive urinary incontinence health management program. The

8 Massachusetts health care facility that will manage the two long-term health care facilities' pilot

9 programs shall be designated as New England Sinai Hospital. This pilot program will bring

10 Massachusetts in line with the federal TAG F315 guidelines that require training, assessment,

11 monitoring, and treatment of urinary incontinence of long-term health care facility patients.

12 Said pilot program will be managed by appropriately licensed medical professionals, and

13 demonstrate efficacy, effectiveness, and improvement in the health and quality of life for

14 participants. Success will be measured by a reduction of incontinent episodes, reduction of use of

15 pads, and improvement in the health and quality of participants' lives. All medications used in  
16 this program shall be approved by the Federal Drug Administration, and must be non-  
17 experimental. The long-term health care facilities and medical professionals participating in this  
18 pilot program will operate with full cooperation with the Department of Public Health and the  
19 Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

20 The Department of Public Health and participating health care facilities shall issue a report to the  
21 Massachusetts Legislature as to the status and effectiveness of said pilot program, no later than  
22 January 4, 2010.