

SENATE No. 1438

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patrick M. O'Connor

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 to protect patients with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other psychiatric illnesses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Kristin E. Kassner</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	<i>9/20/2023</i>

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1438) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to protect patients with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other psychiatric illnesses. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1506 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act to protect patients with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other psychiatric illnesses.

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 9 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after
3 clause (18)(b) the following clause: (19) in the case of a resident suffering from
4 Alzheimer's, dementia, or other psychiatric illnesses, facilities are prohibited from transferring
5 patients off-premises for medication adjustments without the approval of the patient, guardian, or
6 person legally responsible for the patient.

7 SECTION 2. Section 70E of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after clause (o) the following clause: (p)in the
9 case of a resident suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia, or other psychiatric illnesses, facilities

- 10 are prohibited from transferring patients off-premises for medication adjustments without the
- 11 approval of the patient, guardian, or person legally responsible for the patient.