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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

### Michael D. Brady

*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 communications between health insurers and patients.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| *Michael D. Brady* | *Second Plymouth and Bristol* | *1/14/2015* |
| *Brian M. Ashe* | *2nd Hampden* | *9/4/2019* |
| *James R. Miceli* | *19th Middlesex* | *9/4/2019* |
| *Tackey Chan* | *2nd Norfolk* | *9/4/2019* |
| *Michelle M. DuBois* | *10th Plymouth* | *9/4/2019* |
| *Denise Provost* | *27th Middlesex* | *9/4/2019* |

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By Mr. Brady of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 801) of Michael D. Brady and others relative to communications between health insurers and patients concerning end-of-life treatment options.  Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *858* 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 communications between health insurers and patients.

*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 10 CHAPTER 176O, as most recently amended by Chapter 224 of the Acts of

2  2012 is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph at the end thereof:

3      (d) No carrier or its representatives may initiate communications with its insured

4  members or their families regarding end of life treatment options or emergency code status

5  responses for a patient without that patient's treating physician's knowledge or presence.

6      (e) No accountable care organization or any other entity that contracts to provide health

7  care services to patients on a contractual basis which requires Division of Insurance certification

8  may initiate communications with its patients or their families regarding end of life treatment

9     options or emergency code status responses for a patient without that patient's treating

10    physician's knowledge or presence.