

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1148**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to the treatment of chronic Lyme disease..

*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 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 12CC the  
2 following section: -

3 12DD. A physician may prescribe, administer or dispense antibiotic therapy for  
4 therapeutic purposes to a person diagnosed with and having symptoms of Lyme disease of a  
5 diagnosis and treatment plan has been documented in the physician’s medical record for that  
6 patient and no physician shall be subject to disciplinary action solely for prescribing,  
7 administering or dispensing long-term antibiotic therapy fo9r a therapeutic purpose for a patient  
8 clinically diagnosed with Lyme disease if a diagnoses and treatment plan has been documented  
9 in the physician’s medical record for that patient.