

HOUSE No. 2027

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Nine
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An Act relative to gentamycin pediatric risk notification..

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 inserting after Section 220 the
2 following section:— Section 221. Any medical professional prescribing the antibiotic
3 gentamycin for pediatric patients shall be required to provide parental notification prior to
4 prescribing the medication. The parental notification shall include the potential risks and side
5 effects associated with the antibiotic, including ototoxicity, nephrotoxicity and neurotoxicity.
6 Any medical professional prescribing gentamycin to a pediatric patient shall document in the
7 patient’s medical records the medical risks and side effects associated with the medication,
8 including ototoxicity, nephrotoxicity and neurotoxicity. Any pediatric patient who is prescribed
9 gentamycin shall have periodic serum peak and trough gentamycin blood level tests to monitor
10 the patient’s health. Any medical professional prescribing gentamycin to a pediatric patient shall
11 notify the Massachusetts commission for the deaf and hard of hearing each time the antibiotic is
12 prescribed.