

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2173**

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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 patient's rights..

*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 70E of chapter 11 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (n) the following subsection:-

3 (o) to obtain from the facility in charge of his care, upon discharge, any bulk medications  
4 that were prescribed for him during his stay including, but not limited to, aerosol inhalers, topical  
5 products such as creams and powders eye drops, insulins and special order items, provided that  
6 any such items are patient specific and personal and would not otherwise be used in the treatment  
7 of another patient. Upon discharge from the hospital, these bulk items shall be considered the  
8 personal property of the patient and the physician shall include in discharge orders that the  
9 patient be provided with the specific bulk products that were used in the hospital with use  
10 directions. The department shall promulgate regulations to implement this section.