

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3919

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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 medical records..

*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 12CC of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a health care provider shall  
4   notify the patient for whom records are kept, before the destruction of those records at the  
5   conclusion of the 7 year retention period, so that the patient may have the option of obtaining  
6   copies of his records. Said notice shall be sent by first class mail from the provider to the  
7   patient's last known address before 90 days preceding the date of destruction of the medical  
8   records.