

HOUSE No. 4386

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SAFE AND PROPER DISPOSAL OF UNUSED OR EXPIRED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority
of the same, as follows:*

1 The commissioner of the department of public health, in consultation with the board of
2 registration in pharmacy and the secretary of energy and environmental affairs, shall establish
3 guidelines governing the proper disposal of unused or expired prescription drugs. In connection
4 with federal guidelines on the safe disposal of unused or outdated prescription drugs, the
5 commissioner shall set criteria for collection points and take back programs. The commissioner
6 may include regulations requiring those whom manufacturer, sell or resell prescription drugs to
7 also accept unused prescription drugs, regardless of the purchase point, and to safely dispose of
8 these drugs under the standards to be created by the department of public health.

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