

**SENATE . . . . . No. 855**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act to Promote the Elimination of Medication Waste in Certain State Facilities.

*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. The department of public health, in conjunction with the board of  
2 registration in pharmacy and the division of medical assistance, shall establish and implement  
3 methods to reduce medication waste in facilities licensed by the departments of public health,  
4 mental health and corrections. The department shall establish such methods, based on its review,  
5 that are determined to be effective in reducing waste without imposing unreasonable costs on the  
6 health care delivery system. Such methods may be based on, but not be limited to, the following:  
7 (1) current technology, standards and reimbursement mechanisms for dispensing and distributing  
8 medications to facilities; (2) other states' requirements for limiting prescription drug waste and  
9 any cost savings realized; (3) the commonwealth's standards for the return and re-dispensing of  
10 patient-specific schedule VI prescription drugs; and (4) possible incentive mechanisms to  
11 prevent the creation of prescription drug waste.