

HOUSE No. 1472

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Brian S. Dempsey

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to medication technician.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Brian S. Dempsey</i>	<i>3rd Essex</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>

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By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1472) of Brian S. Dempsey for legislation to authorize the Department of Public Health to certify medication technicians for dispensing certain oral medications in nursing facilities. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2041 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to medication technician.

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 72 of Chapter 111 of the Massachusetts General Laws as appearing in the 2004
2 edition is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section:-

3 Section 72Z. As used in this section the following words shall have the following
4 meanings:-

5 “Long term care facility,” a convalescent home, nursing home, rest home or charitable
6 home for the aged licensed under the provisions of section seventy one of said chapter.

7 “Medication technician,” any employee of a long term care facility who has
8 certification and under the guidance of a registered nurse dispenses to a patient in a long term

9 care facility any oral medication, which is not included in the schedules of controlled substances
10 established under the Federal Comprehensive Drug Abuse Prevention and Control Act.

11 The department shall establish standards for training and certification of medication
12 technicians. Training shall include, but not be limited to quality measurements to assure
13 competency and ongoing educational requirements.

14 Any person administering a long term care facility may hire a medication technician who
15 has documented evidence of having satisfactorily completed a training program and competency
16 test approved by the department on the topic of dispensing medications.

17 The department shall make such rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out
18 the provisions of this section.