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HOUSE . . . . . No. 604

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harold P. Naughton, Jr.

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 patient medical records..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	*12th Worcester*

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By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 604) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., relative to patient notification prior to the destruction of medical records. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *3919* OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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:

SECTION 1. Section 12CC of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

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