

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 613**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Denise Provost***

*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 to improve the delivery of health care.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2011</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>		<i>2/1/2011</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2011</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2011</i>
<i>Alice K. Wolf</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2011</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/26/2011</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2011</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/28/2011</i>
<i>Joyce A. Spiliotis</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>	<i>1/28/2011</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2011</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>		<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>		<i>2/3/2011</i>

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 613) of Denise Provost and others that the Department of Public Health develop "checklists of care" for hospitals to prevent medical errors and reduce infection rates. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2138 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to improve the delivery of health care.

*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 2. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 53G the following section:–

3 Section 53H. As used in this section the following words shall, unless the context clearly  
4 requires otherwise, have the following meanings:–

5 “Adverse Event,” injury to a patient resulting from medical management rather than the  
6 patient’s underlying condition.

7 “Checklist of Care,” predetermined steps to be taken by healthcare providers to decrease  
8 the likelihood of a patient experiencing an adverse event during a given procedure.

9 “Medical management,” the care and treatment of a patient’s disease or condition

10           The Department of Public Health shall promulgate regulations for the development and  
11 implementation of checklists of care that hospitals shall use to prevent adverse events and reduce  
12 healthcare-associated infection rates. The department shall require hospitals to report annually  
13 on their use of the checklists. The department shall promulgate regulations to enforce the  
14 provisions of this section no later than December 31, 2012.