

HOUSE No. 2112

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven M. Walsh and Katherine M. Clark

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 provider choice and reliable vaccine management.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven M. Walsh</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/16/2013</i>
<i>Katherine M. Clark</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2013</i>

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By Representative Walsh of Lynn and Senator Clark, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2112) of Steven M. Walsh and Katherine M. Clark for legislation to establish a provider vaccine brand choice program within the Department of Public Health. Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to provider choice and reliable vaccine management.

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

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 224 the following section:-

3 Section 225. (1) The department shall implement a provider vaccine brand choice
4 program as part of the commonwealth’s universal immunization program pursuant to section 24I
5 of chapter 111; the vaccines for children program operated by the department under the authority
6 of 42 5 U.S.C. §1396s; and in any other existing or future immunization program for children or
7 adults administered through the state using local, state or federal funds. The vaccine brand choice
8 program shall allow all healthcare providers participating in the state’s immunization programs
9 to select any vaccine licensed by the federal Food and Drug Administration, including any
10 combination vaccine and dosage form, that is: (A) recommended by the National Centers for
11 Disease Control and Prevention Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and (B) made
12 available to the Department of Public Health by the National Centers for Disease Control and
13 Prevention. This section shall not apply in the event of a disaster or public health emergency,
14 terrorist attack, hostile military or paramilitary action, or extraordinary law enforcement
15 emergency.

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17 The Department of Public Health shall implement all or part of the provider choice
18 system as soon as it is determined to be feasible, provided, however, that the department shall
19 complete full implementation of the system not later than July 1, 2014.