

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

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Todd M. Smola***

*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 interchangeable drug products.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>12/10/2013</i>

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

---

By Mr. Smola of Warren, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Todd M. Smola relative to providing patients with a list of the interchangeable drug products that correspond to the drugs being prescribed. Public Health.

---

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
\_\_\_\_\_

An Act relative to interchangeable drug products.

*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. Section 12D of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “section”, in line 1, the following  
3 words:- and section 12D½.

4 SECTION 2. Said chapter 112 is hereby amended by inserting after section 12D the  
5 following section:-

6 Section 12D½. (a) Upon the issuance of a prescription, the practitioner, or an agent  
7 thereof, shall provide the patient with a list of the interchangeable drug products that correspond  
8 to the drug being prescribed and are included in the most current formulary, or revision thereto,  
9 prepared by the drug formulary commission pursuant to section 13 of chapter 17.

10 (b) A patient may inform the director of consumer affairs and business regulation in the  
11 event that a practitioner fails to comply with subsection (b). The director shall refer the matter to  
12 the board of registration in medicine for appropriate action.