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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1917

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark J. Cusack

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 protecting senior health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Mark J. Cusack	*5th Norfolk*	*1/14/2015*

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By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1917) of Mark J. Cusack relative to requiring hospitals to provide immunizations against the influenza virus to all inpatients 65 years of age and older upon discharge. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *4044* OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to protecting senior health.

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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 229: The commissioner shall adopt regulations requiring hospitals to offer, prior to discharge, immunizations against the influenza virus to all inpatients 65 years of age and older for each calendar year beginning on October 1st and continuing until March 1st of the following year; provided that, such offer is not contraindicated.

The immunization shall be provided based upon the availability of the influenza vaccine at the time of the offer and in accordance with the latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.