

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1952**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***William C. Galvin, (BY REQUEST)***

*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 the substitution of generic drugs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven B. Drobni</i>	<i>287 York Street Stoughton, MA 02072</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>

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By Mr. Galvin of Canton (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1952) of Steven B. Drobnis relative to the substitution of generic drugs. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1962 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the substitution of generic drugs.

*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 2010  
2 edition, is hereby amended by striking out the seventh paragraph and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following paragraph:-

4           The provisions of this section shall apply to prescriptions dispensed in a hospital licensed  
5 under section 51 of chapter 111 and prescriptions dispensed by a hospitalist or doctor; provided  
6 further that no hospital, hospitalist or doctor shall change a drug prescribed by the primary care  
7 physician of the patient without consent of the patient and his or her primary care physician; and  
8 provided further that all outpatient prescriptions dispensed in a hospital shall be on prescription  
9 forms as required by this section and that no retail pharmacy, however organized, shall be  
10 exempted from the provisions of this section.