

HOUSE No. 1960

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise C. Garlick

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 safe handling of hazardous drugs.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Denise C. Garlick</i> | <i>13th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/14/2015</i> |
| <i>Claire D. Cronin</i> | <i>11th Plymouth</i> | <i>10/9/2019</i> |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i> | <i>Second Worcester</i> | <i>10/9/2019</i> |
| <i>Tackey Chan</i> | <i>2nd Norfolk</i> | <i>10/9/2019</i> |
| <i>Walter F. Timilty</i> | <i>7th Norfolk</i> | <i>10/9/2019</i> |
| <i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i> | <i>10th Middlesex</i> | <i>10/9/2019</i> |
| <i>Edward F. Coppinger</i> | <i>10th Suffolk</i> | <i>10/9/2019</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i> | <i>11th Norfolk</i> | <i>10/9/2019</i> |

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By Ms. Garlick of Needham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1960) of Denise C. Garlick and others relative to the safe handling of certain hazardous drugs. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)
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An Act relative to the safe handling of hazardous 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 The Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended in Chapter 111F by inserting after Section 21, the following new section:

3 SECTION 1. In this chapter, the following words shall have the following meanings:—

4 “Antineoplastic drug”, a chemotherapeutic agent that controls or kills cancer cells.

5 “Hazardous drugs”, shall include any drug identified by the national institute for
6 occupational safety and health at the centers for disease control or any drug that meets at least
7 one of the following six criteria: Carcinogenicity, teratogenicity or developmental toxicity,
8 reproductive toxicity in humans, organ toxicity at low doses in humans or animals, genotoxicity,
9 or new drugs that mimic existing hazardous drugs in structure of toxicity.

10 SECTION 2. The Department of Public Health shall promulgate regulations for the
11 handling of antineoplastic and other hazardous drugs in health care facilities. Said regulations
12 shall consider input from hospitals, organizations representing health care personnel, other

13 stakeholders and shall consider reasonable time for facilities to implement new regulations. The
14 regulations will be consistent with provisions adopted by the national institute for occupational
15 safety and health's 2004 alert on preventing occupational exposures to antineoplastic and other
16 hazardous drugs in health care settings and updates. The department's regulations may
17 incorporate updates and changes to the institute's guidelines as made by the centers for disease
18 control and prevention. The enforcement of said regulations shall be in accordance with all
19 provisions in this chapter.