

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2026**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Harold P. Naughton, Jr.***

*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 patient medical records.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>	<i>1/9/2015</i>
<i>Carmin L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>10/10/2019</i>

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By Mr. Naughton of Clinton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2026) of Harold P. Naughton, Jr., and Carmine L. Gentile relative to patient notification prior to the destruction of medical records. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2042 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 patient medical records.

*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 12CC of chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a health care provider shall  
4 notify the patient for whom records are kept, before the destruction of those records at the  
5 conclusion of the 7 year retention period, so that the patient may have the option of obtaining  
6 copies of his records. Said notice shall be sent by first class mail from the provider to the  
7 patient’s last known address before 90 days preceding the date of destruction of the medical  
8 records.