

HOUSE No. 4638

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 26, 2016.

The committee on Public Health to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1894) of Garrett J. Bradley relative to retail pharmacy discounts and co-pay assistance; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1896) of Kate D. Campanale and others for legislation to authorize school bus drivers to administer epinephrine to children suffering from allergic reactions; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1902) of James M. Cantwell relative to emergency epinephrine pens in schools; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1904) of Gailanne M. Cariddi and others for legislation to require hospitals to conduct annual public meetings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1905) of Gailanne M. Cariddi and others for legislation to require governing bodies of hospitals licensed by the Department of Public Health to complete a trustee training program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1907) of Tackey Chan relative to the definition and regulation of specialty health care providers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1921) of Michael S. Day and others for legislation to prohibit the participation of health care professionals in the torture and abuse of prisoners; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1944) of Gloria L. Fox and Linda Dorcena Forry relative to patient access to health care services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1961) of Denise C. Garlick and others for legislation to increase funding for the Health Safety Net Trust Fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1962) of Denise C. Garlick and Denise Provost for legislation to establish the vital records trust fund; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1965) of Colleen M. Garry relative to the credentialing of sonographers and vascular technologists providing ultrasound diagnostic services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1970) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr., and David M. Nangle relative to specific standards and scope of practice set by health boards of registration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1979) of Daniel J. Hunt that the Board of Registration in Medicine be directed to collect comprehensive information on medical malpractice insurance claims and settlements; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1986) of Louis L. Kafka and others that the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health be

directed to establish regulations for the return to pharmacies of certain unused medication by health care facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1991) of Louis L. Kafka and others relative to providing care and comfort for the terminally ill; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2003) of Peter V. Kocot and others relative to the nutritional needs of homeless residents; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2012) of Ronald Mariano for legislation to further define the term “surgery”; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2022) of James R. Miceli for legislation to require pharmacies to provide receptacles for the disposal of prescription drugs; the joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2029) of James J. O’Day, Brian A. Joyce and others that hospitals be required to provide certain patients in inpatient or observation status oral and written notice of such placement; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2033) of William Smitty Pignatelli, Denise Provost and Gailanne M. Cariddi relative to providing consumer access to and disclosure of complementary and alternative health services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2035) of Elizabeth A. Poirier relative to the sterilization of surgery rooms and intensive care units; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2070) of Ellen Story, David Paul Linsky and others relative to consent and counseling of pregnant women under sixteen years of age; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2072) of William M. Straus that the Health Policy Commission be directed to conduct an annual analysis and issue reports on the impact of specialty drug costs in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2073) of Walter F. Timilty and Sean Garballey for an investigation by a special commission relative to improvements in the delivery of prescription drug benefits; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2079) of RoseLee Vincent for legislation to regulate the ingredients used in the manufacture of cosmetics; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3465) of Brian M. Ashe and others relative to analyzing the impact on health care costs as relates to the use of co-pay assistance programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3468) of William C. Galvin, Louis L. Kafka and others for legislation to authorize emergency medical technicians to restrain patients who present immediate or serious threats of bodily harm to themselves or others; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3471) of Kay Khan and others for legislation to further regulate the sale and display of dietary supplements for weight loss or muscle building; reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4638) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

KATE HOGAN.

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1 *Ordered*, That the committee on Public Health be authorized to sit during a recess of the
2 General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 1894, 1896,
3 1902, 1904, 1905, 1907, 1921, 1944, 1961, 1962, 1965, 1970, 1979, 1986, 1991, 2003, 2012,
4 2022, 2029, 2033, 2035, 2070, 2072, 2073, 2079, 3465, 3468 and 3471, relative to public health
5 matters.

6 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
7 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
8 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
9 on or before December 31, 2016.