

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1217**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*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 safety of Alzheimer’s disease patients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1217) of Michael F. Rush, Michael O. Moore, Paul McMurtry, Michael J. Finn and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the safety of Alzheimer's disease patients. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1085 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 safety of Alzheimer’s disease patients.

*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. Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 12EE, the following new section: -

3           Section 12FF. A physician registered under this chapter, upon express or implied  
4 consent of a patient diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease, pursuant to and consistent with the  
5 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Section 264, 42 USC  
6 1320(d), and the United States Department of Health and Human Services Privacy Rule, 45 CFR  
7 164.500-534, shall report the Alzheimer’s diagnosis to a family member or legal personal  
8 representative of the patient, and provide to said family member or legal personal representative  
9 information about care planning services, including assistance understanding the diagnosis as

- 10 well as the medical and non-medical options for ongoing treatment, services, and supports, and
- 11 information about how to obtain such treatments, services, and supports.