

**SENATE . . . . . No. 601**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas P. Kennedy*

*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 to provide for the privacy of information submitted by hospital medical staff.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Thomas P. Kennedy*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Plymouth and Bristol*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 601**

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 601) of Thomas P. Kennedy for legislation to provide for the privacy of information of submitted by medical staff. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 523 OF 2013-2014.]

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 to provide for the privacy of information submitted by hospital medical staff.

*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 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 57D the following new sections: --

3 Section 57E. Definitions.

4 (1) "Hospital" as used in section 57F means any hospital licensed under section 51 of this  
5 chapter.

6 (2) "Medical staff" as used in section 57F means those physicians and other health care  
7 professionals who are privileged to attend patients in a hospital.

8 Section 57F.

9 All personal and financial information disclosed by members of a hospital medical staff,  
10 or, by physicians or other health care professionals seeking to join a hospital's medical staff  
11 pursuant to hospital conflict of interest policies shall not be used for other purposes or disclosed  
12 to other parties. This section does not relieve any individual or hospital of the duty to comply  
13 with requirements of any applicable general or special law regarding the protection and privacy  
14 of personal information.

15 Section 57G.

16 Any person who has been injured by a violation of section 57F of this chapter may bring  
17 an action in the superior court for damages and such equitable relief as the court deems necessary  
18 and proper.

19 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on October 1, 2015.