HOUSE . . . . No. 2440

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark J. Cusack

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 protecting senior health.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Mark J. Cusack	5th Norfolk	1/19/2017
Timothy R. Whelan	1st Barnstable	
Edward F. Coppinger	10th Suffolk	
Daniel Cahill	10th Essex	
Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.	28th Middlesex	
John J. Lawn, Jr.	10th Middlesex	
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth	
José F. Tosado	9th Hampden	
Steven Ultrino	33rd Middlesex	

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By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2440) of Mark J. Cusack and others relative to requiring hospitals to provide immunizations against the influenza virus to all inpatients 65 years of age and older upon discharge. Public Health.

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

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An Act relative to protecting senior health.

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 adding the

2 following section:-

3   Section 229: Hospitals shall offer, prior to discharge, immunizations against the influenza

4 virus to all inpatients 65 years of age and older for each calendar year beginning on October 1st

5 and continuing until March 1st of the following year; provided that, such offer is not

6 contraindicated.

7   The immunization shall be provided based upon the availability of the influenza vaccine

8 at the time of the offer and in accordance with the latest recommendations of the Advisory

9 Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.