

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1110**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Kathleen O'Connor Ives*

*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 psychotropic medication.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Kathleen O'Connor Ives*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex*

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By Ms. O'Connor Ives, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1110) of Kathleen O'Connor Ives for legislation relative to psychotropic medication. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to psychotropic medication.

*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 140 of Chapter 165 of the Massachusetts General Laws as so appearing in the  
2   2014 Official Edition is hereby amended:

3           d) Notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c) a facility may administer a scheduled  
4   psychotropic medication without prior written informed consent in the following instances, (i) in  
5   the case of an admission of a resident to a facility from an inpatient hospital in which the  
6   resident had been prescribed and was receiving psychotropic medications pursuant to a valid  
7   informed consent, (ii) if a resident poses an imminent threat of harm to himself or others; or (iii)  
8   in the case of residents on hospice care who need the immediate administration of psychotropic  
9   medication to prevent extreme distress, discomfort and /or pain.