

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1321**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Patrick M. O'Connor***

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*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 protect patients with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other psychiatric illnesses.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Patrick M. O'Connor*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1321) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to protect patients with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other psychiatric illnesses. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2436 OF 2017-2018.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act to protect patients with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other psychiatric illnesses.

*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: section 9 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after  
3           clause (18)(b) the following clause: (19) in the case of a resident suffering from  
4   Alzheimer's, dementia, or other psychiatric illnesses, facilities are prohibited from transferring  
5   patients off-premises for medication adjustments without the approval of the patient, guardian, or  
6   person legally responsible for the patient.

7           SECTION 2: section 70E of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
8   Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after clause (o) the following clause: (p)in the  
9   case of a resident suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia, or other psychiatric illnesses, facilities

- 10 are prohibited from transferring patients off-premises for medication adjustments without the
- 11 approval of the patient, guardian, or person legally responsible for the patient.