

HOUSE No. 5235

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 16, 2026.

The committee on Public Health, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2376) of Nicholas A. Boldyga relative to mandating or compelling individuals to undergo medical procedures, including vaccination; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2418) of Paul K. Frost for legislation to require restaurants to identify for customers the presence and origin of food allergens contained in the list of products offered by such restaurants; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2431) of John R. Gaskey and others relative to prohibiting the requirement of certain vaccines; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2449) of Karen Spencer relative to providing municipalities an opt out of fluoridation treatments; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2458) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the promotion of direct primary care services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2492) of John J. Marsi and Joseph D. McKenna relative to transportation from medical centers for cognitively impaired discharges; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2493) of Joseph D. McKenna, John J. Marsi and others relative to pregnancy resource centers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2495) of Joseph D. McKenna and Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida for legislation relative to LSDs (Lysosomal Storage Disorders) in infants; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2512) of Bridget Plouffe relative to truth in advertising by certain health care practitioners; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2541) of Michael J. Soter and Joseph D. McKenna relative to the protection of medical exemptions for immunizations for school attendance; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2545) of Thomas M. Stanley relative to the labeling information for commercially caught fish; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2546) of Alyson M. Sullivan-Almeida relative to unborn victims of Down Syndrome; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2547) of Kenneth P. Swezey for legislation to further regulate municipal and regional public health

systems; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2548) of Karen Spencer and John R. Gaskey relative to banning artificial fluoridation in municipal water; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2549) of Karen Spencer and John R. Gaskey relative to fluoride in water warnings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2555) of Marcus S. Vaughn, Samantha Montañó and Francisco E. Paulino relative to food truck licensure; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2559) of Marcus S. Vaughn and Sue Chester relative to patients' rights to a support person at health care facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3954) of James Arciero relative to xylitol labeling; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3961) of Joan Meschino relative to education and prevention of sudden unexpected death in epilepsy and other related epilepsy mortalities, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5235) ought to be adopted [Representative Thurber of Somerset dissents].

For the committee,

MARJORIE C. DECKER.

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Public Health be authorized to sit during a recess of the
2 General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 2376, 2418,
3 2431, 2449, 2458, 2492, 2493, 2495, 2512, 2541, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2555, 2559,
4 3954 and 3961, relative to medical procedures, vaccinations, public health systems and other
5 public health issues.

6 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
7 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
8 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
9 on or before December 31, 2026.