

HOUSE No. 764

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marjorie C. Decker

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 boosting flu prevention for seniors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Estela A. Reyes</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	<i>5/28/2025</i>
<i>John Francis Moran</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>6/11/2025</i>

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By Representative Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 764) of Marjorie C. Decker relative to flu prevention for seniors. Elder Affairs.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)

An Act boosting flu prevention for seniors.

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 51D of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is amended by adding, at the end thereof, the following new paragraph:

3 Each year from October 1 through February 1 of the following year and in accordance
4 with the latest recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices of the
5 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each hospital shall offer, prior to discharge,
6 immunizations against influenza virus to all inpatients sixty-five years of age and older, unless
7 contraindicated, and contingent upon the availability of the vaccine.