

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1594**

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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:

*First Plymouth and Norfolk*

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By Mr. O'Connor, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1594) 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 SENATE, NO. 1438 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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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 clause (18)(b) the following clause: (19) in  
3 the case of a resident suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia, or other psychiatric illnesses,  
4 facilities are prohibited from transferring patients off-premises for medication adjustments  
5 without the approval of the patient, guardian, or person legally responsible for the patient.

6           SECTION 2. Section 70E of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
7 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after clause (o) the following clause: (p)in the  
8 case of a resident suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia, or other psychiatric illnesses, facilities  
9 are prohibited from transferring patients off-premises for medication adjustments without the  
10 approval of the patient, guardian, or person legally responsible for the patient.