

SENATE No. 2790

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SENATE, December 3, 2025.

The committee on Public Health, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 347) of Peter J. Durant for legislation relative to the protection of medical exemptions for immunizations for school attendance; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1494) of John J. Cronin for legislation to establish the dentist and dental hygienist compact; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1496) of John J. Cronin for legislation relative to certainty of continuing education for chiropractors; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1499) of John J. Cronin for legislation relative to anesthesiologist assistants; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1500) of John J. Cronin for legislation relative to health care transparency; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1520) of Peter J. Durant, Susan E. Chester, and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to protect a patient's right to a support person at health care facilities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1521) of Peter J. Durant and Julie Booras, for legislation to ensure municipal control in public health systems; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1522) of Lydia Edwards, Adam Gomez, Susannah M. Whipps, James B. Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote patient safety and equitable access to care; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1525) of James B. Eldridge and Michael D. Brady for legislation to ensure safe medication administration; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1526) of James B. Eldridge for legislation to put patients over profits in hospital licensure; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1528) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to repeal the state menthol ban; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1529) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to authorize Valley Chapel in the town of Uxbridge to construct and operate a columbarium for the disposition of ashes of certain community members; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1531) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation to prohibit the use of harmful food dyes in competitive school foods; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1540) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation to make it unlawful to disclose identifying information contained in death records; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1553) of John F. Keenan for legislation relative to the determination of need of new technology; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1555) of Edward J. Kennedy, Michael J. Barrett and Michael O. Moore for legislation to decrease food waste by standardizing the date labeling of food; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1570) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation to expand access to healthy food choices in vending machines on

state property; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1581) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to combat V.I.P. syndrome to protect health care integrity and quality; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1585) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to expand health care proxy access to medical records; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1593) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to support school-based substance use prevention through evidenced-based positive social norms marketing; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1594) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to protect patients with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other psychiatric illnesses; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1598) of Patrick M. O'Connor and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to establish a special commission to find the best practices to promote education, awareness, and prevention of Lyme disease; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1603) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to conduct a public health study of synthetic drugs in the commonwealth; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1615) of Jacob R. Oliveira for legislation to improve patient health care coordination and provide a clear discharge plan; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1625) of Bruce E. Tarr, David Allen Robertson and Barry R. Finegold for legislation relative to environmental public health; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1627) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish a commission on quality patient outcomes and nurse staffing; and (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1630) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to provide municipalities to opt out of fluoridation treatments, report the accompanying Order (Senate, No. 2790).

For the committee,
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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Public Health be authorized and directed to make an
2 investigation and study of certain current Senate documents numbered 347, 1494, 1496, 1499,
3 1500, 1520, 1521, 1522, 1525, 1526, 1528, 1529, 1531, 1540, 1553, 1555, 1570, 1581, 1585,
4 1593, 1594, 1598, 1603, 1615, 1625, 1627, and 1630 relative to public health matters.