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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Thomas M. Stanley**

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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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to reimbursement for drugs to treat mental illness. .

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PETITION OF:

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to reimbursement for drugs to treat mental illness. .

 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

 SECTION 1. Section 17 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

Notwithstanding the first paragraph no requirements for prior authorization or other restrictions on medications used to treat mental illness such as but not limited to schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder, and ADHD may be imposed on Medicaid recipients. Medications that will be available under the state Medicaid plan without restriction for persons with mental illnesses shall include atypical antipsychotic medications, conventional antipsychotic medications, anti depressant medications, anticonvulsants medications, and any other medications used for the treatment of mental illnesses.