

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Jennifer M. Callahan**

*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 gentamycin pediatric risk notification.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jennifer M. Callahan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

18th Worcester

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3884 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO GENTAMYCIN PEDIATRIC RISK NOTIFICATION.

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

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after Section 220 the  
2 following section:— Section 221. Any medical professional prescribing the antibiotic gentamycin  
3 for pediatric patients shall be required to provide parental notification prior to prescribing the  
4 medication. The parental notification shall include the potential risks and side effects associated with  
5 the antibiotic, including ototoxicity, nephrotoxicity and neurotoxicity. Any medical professional  
6 prescribing gentamycin to a pediatric patient shall document in the patient’s medical records the  
7 medical risks and side effects associated with the medication, including ototoxicity, nephrotoxicity  
8 and neurotoxicity. Any pediatric patient who is prescribed gentamycin shall have periodic serum  
9 peak and trough gentamycin blood level tests to monitor the patient’s health. Any medical  
10 professional prescribing gentamycin to a pediatric patient shall notify the Massachusetts commission  
11 for the deaf and hard of hearing each time the antibiotic is prescribed.