

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Koutoujian

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 pneumococcal disease.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Peter J. Koutoujian

10th Middlesex

Richard T. Moore

Worcester and Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2169 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
2 contrary, the licensee of any day care center, family day care home or large family day care
3 home which is not a part of a family day care system, family day care system, family foster care
4 which is not supervised and approved by a placement agency, group care facility, or temporary
5 shelter facility, as licensed pursuant to section 10 of chapter 28A, shall require, at admission, a
6 physician's certificate that each child has been successfully immunized in accordance with the
7 current Department of Public Health's recommended schedules against pneumococcal disease.
8 No child shall be required to have such immunization if his parent(s) objects thereto, in writing,
9 on the grounds that it conflicts with their religious beliefs or if the child's physician submits
10 documentation that such a procedure is contraindicated.