

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas M. Stanley

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. .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Thomas M. Stanley

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

9th Middlesex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1907 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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:

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

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