

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Walter F. Timilty**

*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 patient's rights.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Walter F. Timilty

7th Norfolk

Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.

12th Hampden

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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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 PATIENT'S RIGHTS.

*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 70E of chapter 11 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting after subsection (n) the following subsection:-  
3 (o) to obtain from the facility in charge of his care, upon discharge, any bulk medications that were  
4 prescribed for him during his stay including, but not limited to, aerosol inhalers, topical products such as  
5 creams and powders eye drops, insulins and special order items, provided that any such items are  
6 patient specific and personal and would not otherwise be used in the treatment of another patient.  
7 Upon discharge from the hospital, these bulk items shall be considered the personal property of the  
8 patient and the physician shall include in discharge orders that the patient be provided with the specific  
9 bulk products that were used in the hospital with use directions. The department shall promulgate  
10 regulations to implement this section.