

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Kennedy

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 to promote urinary incontinence health management.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Thomas P. Kennedy

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Plymouth and Bristol

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROMOTE URINARY INCONTINENCE HEALTH MANAGEMENT.

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 adding the following new section: -

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3 CHAPTER 111. Public Health

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5 Chapter 111: Section 4M. Urinary incontinence health management pilot program

6 There shall be a pilot program, overseen by the Department of Public Health and administered at two of
7 Massachusetts' 480 licensed long-term health care facilities; one facility located in the western region of
8 Massachusetts and the other in the southeastern region, to develop and implement a comprehensive
9 urinary incontinence health management program. The Massachusetts health care facility that will
10 manage the two long-term health care facilities' pilot programs shall be designated as New England Sinai
11 Hospital. This pilot program will bring Massachusetts in line with the federal TAG F315 guidelines that
12 require training, assessment, monitoring, and treatment of urinary incontinence of long-term health
13 care facility patients.

14 Said pilot program will be managed by appropriately licensed medical professionals, and demonstrate
15 efficacy, effectiveness, and improvement in the health and quality of life for participants. Success will be
16 measured by a reduction of incontinent episodes, reduction of use of pads, and improvement in the
17 health and quality of participants' lives. All medications used in this program shall be approved by the
18 Federal Drug Administration, and must be non-experimental. The long-term health care facilities and
19 medical professionals participating in this pilot program will operate with full cooperation with the
20 Department of Public Health and the Executive Office of Health and Human Services.

21 The Department of Public Health and participating health care facilities shall issue a report to the
22 Massachusetts Legislature as to the status and effectiveness of said pilot program, no later than January
23 4, 2010.