

SENATE No. 1110

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kathleen O'Connor Ives

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to psychotropic medication.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Kathleen O'Connor Ives

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex

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By Ms. O'Connor Ives, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1110) of Kathleen O'Connor Ives for legislation relative to psychotropic medication. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to psychotropic medication.

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 140 of Chapter 165 of the Massachusetts General Laws as so appearing in the
2 2014 Official Edition is hereby amended:

3 d) Notwithstanding subsections (b) and (c) a facility may administer a scheduled
4 psychotropic medication without prior written informed consent in the following instances, (i) in
5 the case of an admission of a resident to a facility from an inpatient hospital in which the
6 resident had been prescribed and was receiving psychotropic medications pursuant to a valid
7 informed consent, (ii) if a resident poses an imminent threat of harm to himself or others; or (iii)
8 in the case of residents on hospice care who need the immediate administration of psychotropic
9 medication to prevent extreme distress, discomfort and /or pain.