

HOUSE No. 1903

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Christine E. Canavan and Garrett J. Bradley

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 providing for direct care for dialysis patients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Garrett J. Bradley</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Representatives Canavan of Brockton and Bradley of Hingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1903) of Christine E. Canavan and others relative to providing direct care for dialysis patients. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act providing for direct care for dialysis patients.

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 53 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by striking out the seventh sentence and inserting in place thereof the
3 following 2 sentences:- A dialysis unit shall have on duty sufficient direct care nursing personnel
4 to ensure that all patients undergoing dialysis have nursing care available at all times provided by
5 registered nurses, licensed practical nurses and other staff trained in chronic dialysis at an
6 assigned level of no less than 1 direct patient care staff member assigned to directly care for no
7 more than 3 patients at one time. As used in this section the term “direct patient care” shall mean
8 hands-on care for the means of initiating and discontinuing dialysis, monitoring patients during
9 treatment, and administering medications.