

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1917**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Mark J. Cusack*

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*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 protecting senior health.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Mark J. Cusack*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*5th Norfolk*

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1917**

By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1917) of Mark J. Cusack relative to immunizations against the influenza virus to all inpatients 65 years of age and older. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4044 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to protecting senior health.

*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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 229: The commissioner shall adopt regulations requiring hospitals to offer, prior  
4 to discharge, immunizations against the influenza virus to all inpatients 65 years of age and older  
5 for each calendar year beginning on October 1st and continuing until March 1st of the following  
6 year; provided that, such offer is not contraindicated.

7 The immunization shall be provided based upon the availability of the influenza vaccine  
8 at the time of the offer and in accordance with the latest recommendations of the Advisory  
9 Committee on Immunization Practices of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.