

HOUSE No. 1957

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey, (BY REQUEST)

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 regarding sharps and medications.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Cathy Zolner

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

16 Russell Street

Arlington, MA 02474

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By Mr. Garballey of Arlington (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1957) of Cathy Zolner that medical facilities be responsible for collecting sharps at their locations at no additional cost to the general public. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1968 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act regarding sharps and medications.

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. Notwithstanding any general law, or special law to the contrary, all
2 retailers, medical offices, hospitals and veterinarian clinics, and other providers that dispense
3 sharps to the general public be responsible to provide a sharps collection and disposal program at
4 their locations at no additional cost to the general public. The pharmaceutical manufacturers shall
5 be responsible for funding collection sites for medication waste.