

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2436**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James M. Cantwell*

*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 to protect patients with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other psychiatric illnesses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Cantwell of Marshfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2436) of James M. Cantwell and others relative to prohibiting the transfer of patients with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other psychiatric illnesses without the approval of the patients, guardian, or person legally responsible for the patient. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to protect patients with Alzheimer's, dementia, and other psychiatric illnesses.

*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: section 9 of chapter 19D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after  
3           clause (18)(b) the following clause: (19) in the case of a resident suffering from  
4 Alzheimer's, dementia, or other psychiatric illnesses, facilities are prohibited from transferring  
5 patients off-premises for medication adjustments without the approval of the patient, guardian, or  
6 person legally responsible for the patient.

7           SECTION 2: section 70E of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after clause (o) the following clause: (p)in the  
9 case of a resident suffering from Alzheimer's, dementia, or other psychiatric illnesses, facilities  
10 are prohibited from transferring patients off-premises for medication adjustments without the  
11 approval of the patient, guardian, or person legally responsible for the patient.