

HOUSE No. 4386

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel E. Bosley

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 RELATIVE TO THE SAFE AND PROPER DISPOSAL OF UNUSED OR EXPIRED PRESCRIPTION DRUGS.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Daniel E. Bosley	1st Berkshire

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The commissioner of the department of public health, in consultation with the board of
2 registration in pharmacy and the secretary of energy and environmental affairs, shall establish
3 guidelines governing the proper disposal of unused or expired prescription drugs. In connection
4 with federal guidelines on the safe disposal of unused or outdated prescription drugs, the
5 commissioner shall set criteria for collection points and take back programs. The commissioner
6 may include regulations requiring those whom manufacturer, sell or resell prescription drugs to
7 also accept unused prescription drugs, regardless of the purchase point, and to safely dispose
8 of these drugs under the standards to be created by the department of public health.

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