

HOUSE No. 4739

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 1, 2024.

The committee on Public Health, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 303) of Colleen M. Garry relative to sonographers and vascular technologists; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 471) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., relative to requiring immunizations against preventable diseases for school admittance; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 582) of Michael J. Soter and others relative to the protection of medical exemptions for immunizations for school attendance; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 642) of Mathew J. Muratore and others relative to short-term inpatient skilled nursing and rehabilitation services for persons twenty-two years of age or younger; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2122) of James Arciero relative to certainty of continuing education for chiropractors; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2123) of Bruce J. Ayers for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the use, disposal, and potential re-use of durable medical equipment in hospitals and care facilities under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2124) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to emergency epinephrine pens in schools; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2125) of Bruce J. Ayers that the Department of Public Health be directed to study the feasibility of absorbing oversight of “memory care” assisted living facilities and units in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2126) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to the civilian certification of military medical personnel; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2127) of Bruce J. Ayers relative to HIV antibody or antigen testing; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2128) of Bruce J. Ayers and others for legislation to further regulate annual workplace safety training for home healthcare workers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2133) of Christine P. Barber, Lindsay N. Sabadosa and others relative to hormonal contraceptives; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2136) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to cardiopulmonary

resuscitation recertification; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2137) of David Biele relative to student safety in interscholastic athletic activities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2139) of Nicholas A. Boldyga relative to patient access to certain health care services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2140) of Nicholas A. Boldyga relative to administering and dispensing controlled substances by certain practitioners; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2141) of Daniel Cahill relative to tobacco harm-reduction; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2142) of Michael Drinan relative to the presence of chaperones during certain medical examinations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2144) of Gerard J. Cassidy relative to multidisciplinary health care teams and further regulating advanced practice nurses; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2145) of Gerard J. Cassidy relative to truth in advertising by certain health care practitioners; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2149) of Daniel M. Donahue and others for legislation to ensure safe medication administration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2153) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., relative to the licensing of home kitchens; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2154) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., relative to establishing a task force to study the sustainability of emergency medical services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2155) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., for legislation to create an at home test reporting system; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2156) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., relative to enhancing statewide hospital capacity coordination; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2157) of Michelle M. DuBois relative to the burning of construction and demolition waste as biofuel and further regulating the permitting or operation of energy-generating facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2158) of Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Vanna Howard and Mary S. Keefe that the Department of Public Health add electromagnetic sensitivity (EMS) to the list of diseases dangerous to the public health; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2159) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and others that the Department of Public Health be directed to implement a food labeling program for commercially caught, landed and sold saltwater fish; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2160) of Kimberly N. Ferguson and others that the board of registration of psychologists be authorized to promulgate regulations relative to the reciprocity of psychologists; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2161) of Michael J. Finn for legislation to further regulate emergency or non-emergent medical transport services; the petition (accompanied by

bill, House, No. 2165) of Carole A. Fiola and Paul A. Schmid, III that the Office of Medicaid be authorized to require laboratories providing toxicology testing to demonstrate functional and operational test-utilization and test-frequency control programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2166) of Paul K. Frost for legislation to prohibit local boards of health from banning the sale of tobacco products sold legally in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2167) of Paul K. Frost for legislation to require restaurants to identify for customers the presence and origin of food allergens contained in the list of products offered by such restaurants; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2168) of William C. Galvin and Carol A. Doherty for legislation to authorize emergency medical technicians to restrain patients who present immediate or serious threats of bodily harm to themselves or others; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2170) of William C. Galvin and others that the Department of Public Health be authorized to establish a Parkinson's disease public information and education program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2171) of Danae Isbister relative to non-medical healthcare expenses related to prevention of disease; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2172) of Sean Garballey and Christine P. Barber relative to oral health examinations for public school students; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2174) of Sean Garballey and others relative to liability protection for disaster volunteers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2179) of Colleen M. Garry relative to testing persons convicted of sexual assault for the HIV virus; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2180) of Colleen M. Garry for legislation to require the screening of newborns for Krabbe Disease and other lysosomal storage disorders; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2184) of Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others relative to authorizing pharmacists to provide opioid use disorder treatment; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2185) of Susan Williams Gifford and Joseph D. McKenna relative to the charitable donation of not readily marketable food; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2188) of Patricia A. Haddad for legislation to establish an interscholastic athletic head injury safety training program within the Department of Public Health; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2189) of Richard M. Haggerty relative to utilization of the prescription monitoring program; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2191) of James K. Hawkins for legislation to prohibit smoking in motor vehicles in which young children are passengers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2192) of James K. Hawkins and others

for legislation to protect patients and healthcare workers from exposure to surgical smoke; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2193) of Natalie M. Higgins, Jack Patrick Lewis and others relative to expanding after-death options and the disposal of human bodies; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2196) of Natalie M. Higgins and others relative to registered nurse patient assignment; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2199) of Steven S. Howitt relative to exempting barber shops from certain system sewage flow design criteria; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2201) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Hannah Kane and others relative to authorizing the Department of Public Health to provide guidance to businesses regarding best practices for food donation; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2202) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to establishing a commission (including members of the General Court) to study the encouragement of organ donation; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2203) of Hannah Kane, Carole A. Fiola and others relative to informed consent for concurrent surgical procedures; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2205) of Hannah Kane and others relative to date labels on food packaging of products; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2206) of Patrick Joseph Kearney for legislation to permit the scattering of unclaimed cremated remains at sea; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2212) of Kay Khan for legislation to establish a nursing advisory board within the Executive Office of Health and Human Services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2214) of Kay Khan relative to establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) on quality patient outcomes and professional nursing practice; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2216) of Kay Khan and others relative to the services provided by dental hygienists; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2217) of Kay Khan and others relative to limited service clinics; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2219) of Kathleen R. LaNatra and Christopher Hendricks relative to certified medical assistant administration of immunization; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2221) of John J. Lawn, Jr., and others that the Department of Public Health establish a voluntary certification training program for care of certain patients with intellectual and developmental disabilities including autism; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2223) of David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf, Vanna Howard and others relative to the lead law and promoting equal access to lead-free housing; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2227) of David Paul Linsky relative to registered nurse first assistants; the petition

(accompanied by bill, House, No. 2228) of Jay D. Livingstone and Michelle M. DuBois for legislation to protect toddlers from lead exposure; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2230) of Jay D. Livingstone relative to smoking in multi-unit residential buildings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2232) of Marc T. Lombardo and Joan Martorella relative to dental service quotes; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2235) of Joseph D. McKenna, Colleen M. Garry and Michael J. Soter relative to procedures for prescribing or dispensing pain medications in emergency rooms to certain persons on probation; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2236) of Joseph D. McKenna and others for legislation relative to LSDs (Lysosomal Storage Disorders) in infants; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2238) of Lenny Mirra relative to permitting ambulances to transport patients to urgent care centers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2239) of Lenny Mirra relative to the use of urgent care centers by MassHealth patients; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2240) of Samantha Montaña relative to providing access to patient protection services for all residents; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2241) of Frank A. Moran, Manny Cruz and others relative to enabling trained dental hygienists to administer dermal fillers and botox; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2242) of Luke Soojian relative to board of public health permitting for removal or transportation of refuse; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2249) of Edward R. Philips relative to the availability of prescription medication during an emergency; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2250) of Edward R. Philips and others for legislation to improve outcomes for sudden cardiac arrest by providing additional safeguards and resources; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2251) of Edward R. Philips and others that the Department of Public Health, the Health Policy Commission and the Center for Health Information Analysis study current access to essential health services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2255) of Smitty Pignatelli and others that public health dental hygienists be able to bill third-party insurance carriers for services provided; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2257) of David Allen Robertson for legislation to establish the environmental public health trust fund for cancer surveillance and environmental data collection within the Department of Public Health; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2258) of David M. Rogers, Steven Owens and others relative to improving environmental conditions to reduce asthma in schools; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2259) of David M. Rogers for

legislation to establish a division of indoor environments within the Department of Public Health; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2272) of Aaron L. Saunders relative to physician licensure; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2274) of Todd M. Smola relative to disclosures of certain hazards in well water; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2275) of Priscila S. Sousa for legislation to increase the accountability of hospitals that interrupt or divert required services; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2276) of Thomas M. Stanley relative to the labeling information for commercially caught fish; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2281) of Andres X. Vargas and others relative to the development and posting of guidelines and other relevant materials to inform and educate students about the symptoms and warning signs of heart disease; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2282) of Marcus S. Vaughn for legislation to authorize trauma kits, so-called, and trained designees in certain public buildings; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2283) of Jenna Orlando for legislation to regulate changes to previously issued birth certificates; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2284) of Tommy Vitolo and others relative to the adoption of names upon marriage; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3574) of Nicholas A. Boldyga relative to the use of a certain prescription medication used in psychotherapy and the treatment of post-traumatic stress disorder; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3604) of Bruce J. Ayers that the Department of Public Health study the feasibility of incentivizing inpatient psychiatric hospitals to admit patients directly from community behavioral health centers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3606) of Gerard J. Cassidy and others relative to the use of the term physician; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3607) of Gerard J. Cassidy relative to the exposure of public safety officials to HIV; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3609) of Tackey Chan and others relative to translated certified nurses assistant exams; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3610) of Rob Consalvo and Ruthzee Louijeune relative to commercial disposal containers for the disposal of solid waste; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3615) of Edward F. Coppinger relative to the definition of health care adverse outcome disclosure, apology and early offer programs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3617) of Mark J. Cusack relative to the joint negotiation prohibition for integrated systems in health care; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3619) of Michael S. Day for legislation to prohibit the participation of healthcare professionals in the torture and abuse of prisoners; the petition (accompanied by bill,

House, No. 3620) of Vincent L. Dixon relative to nursing and health care worker staffing levels; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3621) of Vincent L. Dixon for legislation to encourage and improve the level of availability of physicians; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3624) of Marjorie C. Decker and Joanne M. Comerford relative to findings and reports of medical examiners performing autopsies on children under the age of two; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3633) of Andres X. Vargas relative to lead pipe safety; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3765) of Todd M. Smola for legislation to further regulate community-based health initiative requirements for the construction of certain nursing facilities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3946) of Shirley B. Arriaga relative to regulating medical imaging and radiation therapy; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4015) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa and Paul W. Mark for an investigation and study by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services of payment models, uniform assessment and nonpublic emergency ambulance assessed charges set for nonpublic ambulance service; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4098) of William J. Driscoll, Jr., relative to the protection of the public health through the regulation of indoor air quality within public buildings, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4739) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

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House of Representatives, July 01, 2024.

1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Public Health be authorized to sit during a recess of the
2 General Court to make an investigation and study of House documents numbered 303, 471, 582,
3 642, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2133, 2136, 2137, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142,
4 2144, 2145, 2149, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2165, 2166, 2167,
5 2168, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2174, 2179, 2180, 2184, 2185, 2188, 2189, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2196,
6 2199, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2205, 2206, 2212, 2214, 2216, 2217, 2219, 2221, 2223, 2227, 2228,
7 2230, 2232, 2235, 2236, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2255, 2257, 2258,
8 2259, 2272, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 3574, 3604, 3606, 3607, 3609, 3610,
9 3615, 3617, 3619, 3620, 3621, 3624, 3633, 3765, 3946, 4015 and 4098, relative to
10 immunizations, dental health, health care workers and other related matters.

11 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
12 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
13 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
14 on or before December 31, 2024.