

**SENATE . . . . . No. 01070**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Stephen M. Brewer*

*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 oral cancer therapy.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Stephen M. Brewer</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire, Franklin</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Michael F. Kane</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>

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By Mr. Brewer, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1070) of Gobi, Kane and Brewer for legislation relative to oral cancer therapy [Joint Committee on Public Health].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ SENATE  
□ , NO. 2271 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to oral cancer therapy.

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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 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general law, rule, or regulation to the  
2 contrary, a health benefit plan that provides coverage for cancer chemotherapy treatment must  
3 provide coverage for a prescribed, orally administered anticancer medication used to kill or slow  
4 the growth of cancerous cells on a basis no less favorable than intravenously administered or  
5 injected cancer medications that are covered as medical benefits. An increase in patient cost  
6 sharing for anticancer medications is not allowed to achieve compliance with this provision.