

SENATE No. 1085

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. Moore

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 safety of Alzheimer’s disease patients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Richard T. Moore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Norfolk

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By Mr. Richard T. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1085) of Richard T. Moore for legislation relative to the safety of Alzheimer's disease patients. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen
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An Act relative to the safety of Alzheimer’s disease patients.

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. Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 12DD, the following new section: -

3 Section 12EE. A physician registered under this chapter, upon express or implied
4 consent of a patient diagnosed with Alzheimer’s disease, pursuant to and consistent with the
5 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Section 264, 42 USC
6 1320(d), and the United States Department of Health and Human Services Privacy Rule, 45 CFR
7 164.500-534, shall report the Alzheimer’s diagnosis to a family member or legal personal
8 representative of the patient, and provide to said family member or legal personal representative
9 information about care planning services, including assistance understanding the diagnosis as
10 well as the medical and non-medical options for ongoing treatment, services, and supports, and
11 information about how to obtain such treatments, services, and supports.