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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise Provost

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:

An Act to improve the delivery of health care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
William N. Brownsberger	☐ *[District]* ☐
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Alice K. Wolf	*25th Middlesex*
Frank I. Smizik	*15th Norfolk*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
Joyce A. Spiliotis	*12th Essex*
Jason M. Lewis	*31st Middlesex*
Martha M. Walz	*8th Suffolk*
Patricia D. Jehlen	☐ *[District]* ☐
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*
Bruce E. Tarr	

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By Ms. Provost of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 613) of Denise Provost and others that the Department of Public Health develop "checklists of care" for hospitals to prevent medical errors and reduce infection rates. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *2138* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act to improve the delivery of health care.

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

SECTION 2. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 53G the following section:–

Section 53H. As used in this section the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:-

"Adverse Event," injury to a patient resulting from medical management rather than the patient's underlying condition.

"Checklist of Care," predetermined steps to be taken by healthcare providers to decrease the likelihood of a patient experiencing an adverse event during a given procedure.

"Medical management," the care and treatment of a patient's disease or condition

The Department of Public Health shall promulgate regulations for the development and implementation of checklists of care that hospitals shall use to prevent adverse events and reduce healthcare-associated infection rates. The department shall require hospitals to report annually on their use of the checklists. The department shall promulgate regulations to enforce the provisions of this section no later than December 31, 2012.