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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold

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 relative to medication administration in nursing homes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Barry R. Finegold	*Second Essex and Middlesex*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*
Marcos A. Devers	*16th Essex*

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1014) of Barry R. Finegold, Bruce E. Tarr and Marcos A. Devers for legislation to administer medication in nursing homes. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
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, NO. *1099* OF 2011-2012.]

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An Act relative to medication administration in nursing homes.

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

Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 72AA the following section:-

Section 72BB. (a) As used in this section the following word shall have the following meaning:-

"Certified medication aide," any employee of a facility who has completed a department-certified medication administration training program and is therefore qualified to dispense medication to patients in the facility.

(b) The department shall establish rules and regulations to establish a medication administration training and certification program for medication aides. The regulations shall include: (1) provisions for continuing education requirements for certified medication aides; (2) requirements for re-certification of certified medication aides on a biennial basis; (3) fees for the issuance of certification to certified medication aides; and (4) standards for qualification of applicants for certification, including the applicant's criminal history, work record, and prohibitions against behavior which may be potentially harmful to patients.

(c) The department may promulgate rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this section.