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SENATE . . . . . No. 262

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven A. Baddour

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 psychotropic medications.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven A. Baddour	
	☐ *[District]*
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By Mr. Baddour, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 262) of Baddour for legislation relative to psychotropic medications [Joint Committee on Elder Affairs].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *2509* OF 2009-2010.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act relative to psychotropic medications.

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 72Z the following section:-

Section 72AA.

SECTION 1. Definitions.

The following definitions shall apply;

"psychotropic medication" is a chemical substance that acts primarily upon the central nervous system where it alters brain function, resulting in temporary changes in perception, mood, consciousness and behavior;

SECTION 2. Every resident in a nursing home, rest home, or other long term care facility that is prescribed psychotropic medications, shall have the facility in which they reside first obtain informed consent from the resident, the resident's health care proxy, or a court appointed Rogers guardian.

The prescribing physician shall have a conversation with the resident, health care proxy or court appointed Rogers guardian about the psychotropic at the time of the prescription or at the next visit. The prescribing physician shall document the conversation in the resident's records at the facility.