

SENATE No. 2271

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
Michael F. Kane	5th Hampden
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden
Lori Ehrlich	8th Essex
Anthony D. Galluccio	Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex
Paul Kujawski	8th Worcester
Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex
Geraldo Alicea	6th Worcester
Susan C. Tucker	Second Essex and Middlesex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
James R. Miceli	19th Middlesex
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Robert M. Koczera	11th Bristol
Jennifer Benson	37th Middlesex
Benjamin Swan	11th Hampden
Denis E. Guyer	2nd Berkshire
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
James T. Welch	6th Hampden
Robert F. Fennell	10th Essex

James Cantwell	4th Plymouth
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Garrett J. Bradley	3rd Plymouth
Joan M. Menard	First Bristol and Plymouth
Harriette L. Chandler	First Worcester

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

An Act relative to oral cancer therapy.

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

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