

HOUSE No. 1148

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert S. Hargraves

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 treatment of chronic Lyme disease.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Robert S. Hargraves	1st Middlesex
James Arciero	2nd Middlesex
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Lewis G. Evangelidis	1st Worcester
Paul K. Frost	7th Worcester
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Lida E. Harkins	13th Norfolk
Bradford R. Hill	4th Essex
Kate Hogan	3rd Middlesex
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	4th Hampden
Paul Kujawski	8th Worcester
Stephen Kulik	1st Franklin
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
Matthew C. Patrick	3rd Barnstable
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable
Jeffrey Davis Perry	5th Barnstable
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	12th Hampden
Michael J. Rodrigues	8th Bristol

Rosemary Sandlin	3rd Hampden
Theodore C. Speliotis	13th Essex
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Jennifer Benson	37th Middlesex
Stephen M. Brewer	Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin
Kevin J. Murphy	18th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

An Act relative to the treatment of chronic Lyme disease.

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

1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 12CC the following
2 section: -

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4 12DD. A physician may prescribe, administer or dispense antibiotic therapy for therapeutic purposes to a
5 person diagnosed with and having symptoms of Lyme disease of a diagnosis and treatment plan has been
6 documented in the physician's medical record for that patient and no physician shall be subject to
7 disciplinary action solely for prescribing, administering or dispensing long-term antibiotic therapy fo9r a
8 therapeutic purpose for a patient clinically diagnosed with Lyme disease if a diagnoses and treatment plan
9 has been documented in the physician's medical record for that patient.