

SENATE . . . . . No. 381

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By Mr. Bernashe, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 381) of Roger L. Bernashe and another for legislation relative to the use of laetrile in the Commonwealth. Health Care.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF LAETRILE IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

*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 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-  
2 serting after section 70D the following section: —

3 *Section 70E.* No hospital or health facility may interfere  
4 with the physicians-patient relationship by restricting or for-  
5 bidding the use of amygdalin, also known as Laetrile, or  
6 vitamin B-17, when prescribed or administered by a physician  
7 and requested by a patient. No physician may be subject to  
8 disciplinary action by the Massachusetts Medical Society for  
9 prescribing or administering amygdalin, also known as  
10 Laetrile, or vitamin B-17, to a patient under his care who has  
11 requested the substance.

