

HOUSE No. 6784

Substituted by the House, on motion of Mr. Moore of Uxbridge, for a Bill pertaining to the rights of cancer patients. November 2.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Three.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RIGHTS OF CERTAIN CANCER PATIENTS.

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

1 The sixth paragraph of section 70E of chapter 111 of the General
2 Laws, as appearing in chapter 214 of the acts of 1979, is hereby
3 amended by striking out clause (*h*) and inserting in place thereof the
4 following clause: —

5 (*h*) in the case of a patient suffering from any form of cancer, to
6 complete information on all forms of recommended and alternative
7 treatments and potential adverse effects of such treatments; pro-
8 vided, however, that said information shall be in written form using
9 simple, nontechnical language and including notice that the patient
10 should consider seeking a second opinion regarding diagnosis and
11 treatment; and provided, further, that the patient shall be provided
12 written notification of groups in the area that are available to
13 provide total support and information regarding the patient's
14 illness.

