

HOUSE No. 1669

By Ms. Resor of Acton, petition of Pamel P. Resor and other members of the General Court that physicians be required to provide patients with standard written summaries for breast and prostate cancer. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE TREATMENT OF BREAST AND PROSTATE CANCER.

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

1 Section 70E of chapter 111 of the General Laws as appearing
2 in the 1990 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out
3 lines 117 to 119 and inserting in place thereof the following
4 clause: —

5 (h) in the case of a patient suffering from any form of breast
6 or prostate cancer, or who, in the judgment of a physician, is at
7 high risk of being diagnosed as having breast or prostate cancer
8 shall inform such patient of the medically viable treatment
9 alternatives available to such patient; shall describe such
10 treatment alternatives; and shall explain the relative advantages,
11 disadvantages, and risks associated with the treatment alternatives
12 to the extent deemed necessary to allow the patient to make a
13 prudent decision regarding such treatment options. In compliance
14 with this subsection:.

