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**SENATE . . . . . No. 398**

By Mr. Berry, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 398) of Frederick E. Berry, William R. Keating and Linda J. Melconian for legislation relative to the use of non-reuseable syringes in hospitals and in-patient clinics. Health Care.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HOSPITALS AND IN-PATIENT CLINICS.

*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 III of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 53A, as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, the  
3 following section: —

4 Section 53A<sup>1/2</sup>. Every hospital, clinic or home health care  
5 provider licensed by the department or financially supported in  
6 whole or in part by the commonwealth, or any political  
7 subdivision thereof, shall use non-reusable syringes effective  
8 January first nineteen hundred and ninety-three.

9 If such hospital, clinic or home health care provider fails to  
10 comply with the provisions of this section, no original licenses  
11 shall be issued nor shall a license be renewed hereunder by the  
12 department of public health pursuant to the provisions of section  
13 fifty-one until a certificate of compliance is issued by the  
14 department.

15 The department shall promulgate rules and regulations  
16 necessary to carry out the provisions of this section.

