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Massachusetts House and Senate Override Governor's Veto to Lyme Disease Treatment Coverage

BOSTON –Both the House of Representatives and the Massachusetts Senate overrode Governor Baker's veto of H.4491; An Act relative to long-term antibiotic therapy for the treatment of Lyme disease, which now requires insurance companies to provide coverage for the long-term treatment of Lyme disease as prescribed by licensed physicians.

"I am so grateful that my colleagues agreed that all the people afflicted with Lyme disease today and the many more who will be diagnosed with this debilitating illness deserve to have treatments covered," said **Sen. Anne M. Gobi (D- Spencer)**, "I was watching the clock and appreciated the promise I received from Senate President Rosenberg and Ways and Means Chair Senator Spilka that the override would take place before we adjourned."

The House voted to override the Governor's veto 153-3 on Saturday, July 30th followed by the Senate with a vote of 37-1 on Sunday, July 31, 2016.

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