

HOUSE No. 2275

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Priscila S. Sousa

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act requiring hospital to maintain services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Priscila S. Sousa</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/21/2023</i>

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By Representative Sousa of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2275) of Priscila S. Sousa for legislation to increase the accountability of hospitals that interrupt or divert required services. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act requiring hospital to maintain services.

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 51 of chapter 111 is hereby amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph,
2 the following new sentence:-

3 “If any licensed facility is unable to provide the services required by said license,
4 requiring the diversion or temporary pause in service of patients on three or more occasions in an
5 calendar year, the Department shall immediately convene a public hearing in the community
6 served by said facility and shall, at the Department’s sole discretion, consider corrective actions,
7 including but not limited to revocation of said facility’s license.”