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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act relative to hospital-acquired septic infections..

*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 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 206 the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 207. All medical and healthcare facilities operating and authorized to operate in  
4 the commonwealth shall be required to accept best practices relative to reducing the incidence  
5 and prevalence of Hospital Acquired Infections and Induced Sepsis. To use CDC endorsed  
6 standards, in combination with other best practice models, to take increased measures at health  
7 care facilities by mandating sepsis prevention and treatment protocols to enhance protection of  
8 patients on intravenous (IV) therapy and those at increased risk due to compromised immune  
9 systems related to actual disease state(s) and/or medication treatments.

10 Development of clinical protocols for frequent assessment and treatment of at risk  
11 patients on IV Therapy shall be mandated in all hospitals and nursing facilities. All such  
12 facilities shall report to the department of public health all cases of Hospital Induced Sepsis and  
13 Hospital Acquired Infections. Such facilities shall have further protocols in place to demonstrate

14 appropriate accepted patient quarantine practices for such cases to prevent further patient  
15 complications or induced infections,.

16 All such facilities shall have best practice clinical protocols in place relative to the  
17 emergency treatment and care of patients diagnosed with Hospital Induced Sepsis including, but  
18 not limited to, diagnostic imaging (MRI, Echocardiogram, Ultrasound, White Cell Tracer, CT  
19 Scan, Bone Scan), clinical diagnostic testing, IV antibiotic regimes, surgical interventions  
20 (radiologic and other), pain management, hydration and hematologic assessment.

21 Penalties for not taking appropriate preventive actions shall result in fines to be  
22 determined by the department of public health.