

SENATE No. 1285

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 relative to color coded patient wristbands.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/7/2019</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1285) of Jason M. Lewis and James K. Hawkins for legislation relative to color coded patient wristbands . Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act relative to color coded patient wristbands.

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 1. The department of public health shall analyze and file a report on the
2 standards for uniformity in the use of color-coded patient wristbands by health care providers in
3 the Commonwealth. The report shall examine: (i) the current state of patient identification in the
4 Commonwealth; (ii) the use of color-coded wristbands in other jurisdictions; and (iii) any
5 adverse impacts to patient care. The department shall make recommendations based on its
6 findings and file a report with the joint committee on public health, the joint committee on health
7 care financing, the clerks of the house of representatives and senate and the house and senate
8 committees on ways and means no later than January 1, 2020.