

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1331**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Marc R. Pacheco*

*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 essential health services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Marc R. Pacheco*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Plymouth and Bristol*

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1331) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to essential health services. Public Health.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to essential health 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 1. Section 51G of chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding the following subsection:-

3           (7) Any medical health facility or hospital that provided essential health services, as  
4 defined in 105 CMR 130.020, as of January 1, 2017, which phases out or discontinues these  
5 services shall have their license suspended until these services are resumed. This subsection shall  
6 apply if there is no alternative medical health facility or hospital within a 10-mile radius of the  
7 medical health facility or hospital that provides the same essential health services.