

# SENATE . . . . . No. 725

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 reducing hospital readmission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 725) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative reducing hospital readmission. Health Care Financing.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)  
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An Act relative reducing hospital readmission.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the readmission  
2   reduction benchmark under chapter 6D of the General Laws shall be a 20 per cent reduction of  
3   readmission rates, as measured by the health policy commission in consultation with the center  
4   for health information and analysis, between those rates observed in the year 2017 and those  
5   rates observed in the year 2020, provided further that any hospital that experiences 25 percent or  
6   more of its readmission from any skilled nursing facility licensed pursuant to 105 cmr 153 shall  
7   enter into a memorandum of understanding with such facility relative to protocols for reducing  
8   hospital readmission, which shall be submitted to the department of public health.