

HOUSE No. 1708

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sally P. Kerans

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 health care proxy notification.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sally P. Kerans</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	<i>2/17/2021</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>9/28/2021</i>

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By Ms. Kerans of Danvers, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1708) of Sally P. Kerans relative to health care proxy notification. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to health care proxy notification.

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 of Chapter 201D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 official edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting the following definitions:

3 ““Transportable”, the activation or subsequent deactivation of the Health Care Proxy is to
4 be part of the patient’s electronic records such that any subsequent facility or provider is aware
5 of such authority without subsequent need to activate or deactivate the health care proxy by each
6 facility or provider.”

7 “Notification”, Allow for the inclusion of an e-mail address and a cell phone number for
8 the listed proxies for the purpose of the agent selecting a preference of such notification

9 Section 4 of Chapter 201D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 official edition,
10 is hereby amended by inserting the following:

11 (v) Mobile phone number and e-mail address of proxies are to be provided along with
12 preference of notification.

13 Section 6 of Chapter 201D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016 official edition,
14 is hereby amended by with the following change in paragraph 4:

15 After the words (ii) to the agent insert the following

16 “via selected preference notification as included per Section 4 of Chapter 201D of the
17 General Laws;