

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James B. Eldridge***

*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 preserving access to essential health services in a state of emergency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/9/2021</i>
<i>Adam Gomez</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>3/30/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>
<i>John Cronin</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/9/2021</i>

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court**  
**(2021-2022)**  
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An Act preserving access to essential health services in a state of emergency.

*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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end of subsection (4) of section 51G the following:-

3           To preserve access to essential services, hospitals may not close any beds, units or  
4 facilities for the duration of any declared state of emergency pertaining to health care.