

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1514**

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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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>5/5/2021</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1514) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to essential health services. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1331 OF 2019-2020.]

**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 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 51G of chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the  
2 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.