

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 3618

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Mark J. Cusack***

*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 stroke system of care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Edward R. Philips</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Tommy Vitolo</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3618) of Mark J. Cusack and others relative to establishing a statewide standard prehospital care protocol related to the assessment, treatment and transport of stroke patients. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to stroke system of care.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, not later than 180 days after  
2 the effective date of this act, the department of public health shall promulgate regulations that  
3 create: (i) a statewide standard prehospital care protocol related to the assessment, treatment and  
4 transport of stroke patients by emergency medical services providers to a hospital designated by  
5 the department to care for stroke patients; provided, however, that the protocol shall be based on  
6 national evidence-based guidelines for transport of stroke patients, consider transport that crosses  
7 state lines and include plans for the triage and transport of suspected stroke patients including,  
8 but not limited to, those who may have an emergent large vessel occlusion, to an appropriate  
9 facility within a specified timeframe following the onset of symptoms and additional criteria to  
10 determine which level of care is the most appropriate destination; provided further, that the  
11 department shall develop said protocol in consultation with the expert stroke advisory taskforce  
12 established pursuant to subsection (c) of section 51L of chapter 111 of the General Laws; and (ii)  
13 recommended national evidence-based quality and utilization measure sets for stroke care for use

14 by the center for health information and analysis pursuant to section 14 of chapter 12C of the  
15 General Laws; provided, however, that the department shall consider measures in current use in  
16 national quality improvement programs including, but not limited to, the Centers for Medicare  
17 and Medicaid Services, the National Quality Forum, the Paul Coverdell National Acute Stroke  
18 Program or other nationally-recognized data platforms.