

SENATE No. 1393

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 color coded patient wristbands.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Jason M. Lewis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Fifth Middlesex

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1393) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation relative to color coded patient wristbands. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1460 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to color coded patient wristbands.

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. The department of public health shall analyze and file a report on the
2 standards for uniformity in the use of color-coded patient wristbands by health care providers in
3 the Commonwealth. The report shall examine: (i) the current state of patient identification in the
4 Commonwealth; (ii) the use of color-coded wristbands in other jurisdictions; and (iii) any
5 adverse impacts to patient care. The department shall make recommendations based on its
6 findings and file a report with the joint committee on public health, the joint committee on health
7 care financing, the clerks of the house of representatives and senate and the house and senate
8 committees on ways and means no later than January 1, 2024.