

SENATE No. 1455

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>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>3/23/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/23/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>7/24/2023</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1455) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to essential health services. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1514 OF 2021-2022.]

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

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.