

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2979**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*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 to protect Norwood healthcare access.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael F. Rush*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Norfolk and Suffolk*

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2979) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Michael F. Rush for legislation to protect Norwood healthcare access. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act to protect Norwood healthcare access.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to protect access to healthcare, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

*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 or any provision of chapter 111 of the general  
2 laws or any regulation promulgated thereunder to the contrary, the department, as defined under  
3 section 1 of said chapter 111, is hereby authorized and directed to continue, extend, or otherwise  
4 empower to remain in full force department license number 2114, issued by said department  
5 November 6, 2022, in order to maintain the provision of health care services, including, but not  
6 limited to, the provision of chemotherapy, radiation, radiology, and other forms of life-saving  
7 health care and therapies and studies, that are provided, as of the date of this act, in the towns of  
8 Norwood and Foxborough in department facilities 21PH, known as Norwood Hospital Cancer  
9 Center, 22LD, known as Norwood Performance Therapy, 299F, known as Foxboro, and any  
10 other such facilities operating under said license.