

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 199**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jennifer Balinsky Armini***

*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 amend the safe haven law to extend the timeframe for voluntary placement of newborns.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Armini of Marblehead, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 199) of Jennifer Balinsky Armini for legislation to amend the safe haven law to extend the timeframe for voluntary placement of newborns. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to amend the safe haven law to extend the timeframe for voluntary placement of newborns.

*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 39½ of chapter 119 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the figure “7”, in lines 2 and 12, and inserting in place
- 3 thereof the following figure:- 30.