

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2194**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.*

*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 petitioning for an emergency restraint bill.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>7/31/2025</i>

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By Representative Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2194) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr., relative to emergency restraint and hospitalization. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act petitioning for an emergency restraint bill.

*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. Subsection (b) of section 12 of chapter 123 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “reception”  
3 the first time it appears, the words:- “, unless the person has been arrested and detained and a  
4 police officer has submitted a petition for hospitalization for such person under subsection (a)”