

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2492**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John J. Marsi*

*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 require a suitable ride home from the hospital for all cognitively impaired discharges.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John J. Marsi</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>	<i>1/13/2025</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	<i>2/11/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>4/23/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/24/2025</i>

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By Representative Marsi of Dudley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2492) of John J. Marsi and Joseph D. McKenna relative to transportation from medical centers for cognitively impaired discharges. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act require a suitable ride home from the hospital for all cognitively impaired discharges.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by inserting the following new section:-

3 Section 245. Any hospital or medical facility in the Commonwealth shall require that a  
4 patient has secured suitable transport from the hospital before discharge, provided that the patient  
5 meets the following criteria:

6 (a.) The patient had a surgery that required anesthesia.

7 (b.) The patient qualifies as a person with a developmental disability as defined in 115  
8 CMR 2.01 or in 118 CMR 2.02.

9 (c.) The patient is in the hospital for substance abuse treatment.

10 (d.) The patient suffers from Alzheimer’s disease or dementia.

- 11            This section shall not be construed to mean that a hospital and medical facility has a legal
- 12   duty to provide or secure transport for patients covered by this section.