

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2540**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Todd M. Smola***

*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 the community health initiative payment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>

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By Representative Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2540) of Todd M. Smola for legislation to further regulate community-based health initiative requirements for the construction of certain nursing facilities. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3765 OF 2023-2024.]

**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 relative to the community health initiative payment.

*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 chapter 111 of the General Laws, or any other general or special law to  
2           the contrary, the department of public health shall waive the community-based health initiative  
3           requirement for the construction of a nursing facility that will have a geropsychiatric unit for any  
4           applicant that had to file a determination of need to meet the department of public health’s de-  
5           densifying requirements.