

HOUSE No. 2543

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Priscila S. Sousa

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 requiring hospital to maintain services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Priscila S. Sousa</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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By Representative Sousa of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2543) of Priscila S. Sousa for legislation to increase the accountability of hospitals that interrupt or divert required services. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2275 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act requiring hospital to maintain services.

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 51 of chapter 111 is hereby amended by adding at the end of the first paragraph,
2 the following new sentence:-

3 “If any licensed facility is unable to provide the services required by said license,
4 requiring the diversion or temporary pause in service of patients on three or more occasions in an
5 calendar year, the Department shall immediately convene a public hearing in the community
6 served by said facility and shall, at the Department’s sole discretion, consider corrective actions,
7 including but not limited to revocation of said facility’s license.”