

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3604**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*James Arciero*

*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 988 Samaritan suicide prevention signs on bridges of the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Scott Hyder</i>		<i>1/17/2025</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2025</i>
<i>Sean Reid</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>5/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Arciero of Westford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3604) of James Arciero, Scott Hyder and Colleen M. Garry relative to 988 Samaritan suicide prevention signs on bridges. Transportation.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to 988 Samaritan suicide prevention signs on bridges of the commonwealth.

*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       Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the  
2 contrary, the department of highways shall install signage on all bridges of the commonwealth  
3 under its jurisdiction. There shall be two signs on each bridge at either end of said bridges. The  
4 signs shall contain "988 Suicide Prevention" and any other information necessary to convey to  
5 individuals that an alternative to suicide exists and help is available by calling said number.  
6 Such signs shall be of a reasonable size that is easily readable by either pedestrians or drivers  
7 using the bridge as determined by the department of highways.

8           SECTION 2       Signage on all commonwealth bridges shall be installed by the  
9 department of highways within one year of the passage of this act.