

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4077**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Christopher Richard Flanagan***

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*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 mandating retrofitting accessibility for all medical facilities.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christopher Richard Flanagan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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By Representative Flanagan of Dennis, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4077) of Christopher Richard Flanagan relative to retrofitting accessibility for all medical facilities. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act mandating retrofitting accessibility for all medical facilities.

*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 is hereby amended by inserting after section 51M the  
2 following section:-

3 Section 51N. A facility licensed pursuant to this chapter shall make any necessary  
4 alterations or upgrades to its buildings, facilities and other property to enhance the physical  
5 accessibility of the facility. The department shall promulgate regulations, pursuant to chapter  
6 30A, to provide criteria for the necessity of physical accessibility enhancements and minimum  
7 standards for such enhancements, which shall include requirements for: (i) the installation of  
8 automatic doors; (ii) the use of chairs with handles; (iii) the construction or retrofitting of wider  
9 hallways; (iv) the installation of railings in bathrooms; and (v) any other alterations or upgrades  
10 that the department deems necessary to enhancing the physical accessibility of facilities.