

HOUSE No. 766

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul J. Donato

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 acute hospital and nursing home governance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/16/2025</i>
<i>John Francis Moran</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/6/2025</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>3/24/2025</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/20/2025</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/20/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>11/20/2025</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>11/20/2025</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/20/2025</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/20/2025</i>
<i>Shirley B. Arriaga</i>	<i>8th Hampden</i>	<i>11/20/2025</i>
<i>William F. MacGregor</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>11/20/2025</i>

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By Representative Donato of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 766) of Paul J. Donato and John Francis Moran relative to acute hospital and nursing home governance. Elder Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to acute hospital and nursing home governance.

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. Section 51 of chapter 111, as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:-

3 All acute-care hospitals as defined in section twenty-five B, shall have a registered nurse
4 holding a current unencumbered license from the board of registration in nursing as a sitting and
5 voting member of the governing entity responsible for developing the organization’s strategic
6 plan, structure, systems, policies and programs.

7 SECTION 2. Section 71 of said chapter 111, is hereby amended by adding at the end
8 thereof the following new paragraph:-

9 All nursing homes shall have a registered nurse holding a current unencumbered license
10 from the board of registration in nursing as a sitting and voting member of the governing entity
11 responsible for developing the organization’s strategic plan, structure, systems, policies and
12 programs.