

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 884**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Richard M. Haggerty***

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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 to strengthen the Commonwealth's strategic preparedness stockpiles.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Richard M. Haggerty</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/17/2025</i>

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By Representative Haggerty of Woburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 884) of Richard M. Haggerty for legislation to strengthen the strategic preparedness stockpiles. Emergency Preparedness and Management.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 732 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to strengthen the Commonwealth's strategic preparedness stockpiles.

*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 2020 Version of the Massachusetts General Laws are hereby amended  
2 by inserting, following Section 5S, the following new section:-

3 Section 5T. (a) The department shall, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Emergency  
4 Management Agency (MEMA), and other relevant stakeholders, shall establish a permanent  
5 emergency stockpile of strategic emergency readiness supplies, including but not limited to,  
6 Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), medications, testing kits, and others deemed important for  
7 emergency preparedness by the department and MEMA to be used and dispensed in the event of  
8 public health emergencies at the local, state, and national levels.

9 (b) The department, in collaboration with the Massachusetts Emergency Management  
10 Agency (MEMA), the executive office of technology services and security, the department of  
11 elementary and secondary education and other stakeholders, as necessary, to conduct demand  
12 planning and stockpile modelling for emergency readiness supplies, including PPE, medications,  
13 testing kits, and others to be included at the discretion of the department. The department shall  
14 conduct demand planning and stockpile modeling for three separate stockpiles – one for use by  
15 the Commonwealth’s healthcare settings, including primary care offices, outpatient treatment  
16 centers, hospitals, emergency rooms, and others the department deems fit; one shall be education  
17 settings, including both public and private institutions, such as pre-K programs, K-12 schools,  
18 technical schools, colleges, and universities; and one shall be for use to the general public during  
19 major local, regional, state, and national disasters.

20 Said demand planning and supply modeling shall include 1) recommendations on the  
21 types of PPE and other emergency supplies to be included in each stockpile, 2) the anticipated  
22 demand for emergency supplies across a number of public health emergency scenarios, 3) the  
23 recommended quantities to be held in the stockpile for each type of supply, 4) the anticipated  
24 costs of procuring, managing, and maintaining said quantities, 5) methods to rotate supplies and  
25 minimize risk of supplies expiring, 6) mechanisms for municipalities and schools to access these  
26 supplies in the event of a local or regional public health emergency, 7) distribution planning,  
27 including the identification of emergency dispensing sites and possible mobile distribution  
28 programs to allocate the supplies in each stockpile to the relevant groups in the event of local,  
29 state, or national emergency declaration, and 8) possible strategies that could be used to reduce  
30 the costs of these supplies, including, but not limited to, the use of vendor-managed inventory  
31 programs.

32 No less than one year after the passage enactment of this act, the department of public  
33 health shall file a report of its findings to the office of the House Speaker, the office of the Senate  
34 President, chairs of the joint committee on public health, the chairs of the joint committee on  
35 COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and management, and the clerks of both chambers of  
36 the legislature.

37 Every two years thereafter, the department shall, in collaboration with the Massachusetts  
38 Emergency Management Agency, the executive office of technology services and security, the  
39 department of elementary and secondary education and other stakeholders, as necessary, reassess  
40 the prior scenario planning, demand planning, and stockpile modeling, and make adjustments as  
41 needed, or, if not needed, reaffirm the validity of the existing models.

42 (c) Every quarter, the department shall report to the office of the Speaker of the House,  
43 the Senate President, the joint committee on Ways and Means, the joint committee on public  
44 health, and the joint committee on COVID-19 and emergency preparedness and management, on  
45 the current supplies within the stockpile and funds on hand for the stockpile.

46 (d) In maintaining and securing supplies, the department shall seek to maximize available  
47 federal and state funding for this program.