

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce J. Ayers

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 directing the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to study the feasibility of incentivizing inpatient psychiatric hospitals to admit patients directly from community behavioral health centers.

PETITION OF:

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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An Act directing the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to study the feasibility of incentivizing inpatient psychiatric hospitals to admit patients directly from community behavioral health centers.

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. The department of public health shall commission a study of the admission
2 of patients to inpatient psychiatric hospitals directly from community behavioral health centers.
3 The study shall examine the feasibility of incentivizing inpatient psychiatric hospitals to admit
4 patients directly from community behavioral health centers.

5 SECTION 2. The department of public health shall file a report, including its findings on
6 the feasibility of offering incentives to inpatient psychiatric hospitals that admit patients directly
7 from community behavioral health centers and any recommendations on the implementation of
8 such incentives, with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate and the joint
9 committee on public health no later than January 1, 2027.