

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 establishing a special commission to study the use, disposal, and potential re-use of durable medical equipment in hospitals and care facilities under the jurisdiction of the Commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2123 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act establishing a special commission to study the use, disposal, and potential re-use of durable medical equipment in hospitals and care facilities under the jurisdiction 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 There is hereby established a special legislative commission to study the use, disposal
2 and potential re-use of durable medical equipment in hospitals and health care facilities under the
3 jurisdiction of the commonwealth.

4 The commission shall consist of 13 members: 2 of whom shall be the house and senate
5 chairs of the joint committee on health care financing, who shall serve as co-chairs of the
6 commission; 2 of whom shall be the house and senate chairs of the joint committee on public
7 health; the secretary of elder affairs or a designee; the secretary of health and human services or
8 a designee; the director of MassHealth or a designee; and 6 members to be appointed by the
9 governor, 1 of whom shall be a member of the board of allied health professionals, 1 of whom
10 shall be a representative of the Massachusetts Nurses Association, 1 of whom shall be a

11 representative of the Massachusetts Medical Society, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the
12 Massachusetts Health and Hospital Association, Inc., 1 of whom shall be a representative of The
13 Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, Inc., and 1 of whom shall be a
14 representative of the Conference of Boston Teaching Hospitals, Inc..

15 All appointments shall be made no later than 14 days following the effective date of this
16 act. The co-chairs shall convene the first meeting of the special commission within 21 days of all
17 appointments being made.

18 The special commission shall meet a minimum of 4 times. The special commission shall
19 submit its findings, along with recommendations for legislation, to the governor and the clerks of
20 the house of representatives and the senate no later than 180 days after the effective date of this
21 act.