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**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>

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