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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kate Lipper-Garabedian***

*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 the Hospital to Home Partnership Program.**

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                         | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:     | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Kate Lipper-Garabedian</i> | <i>32nd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/16/2025</i> |

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act establishing the Hospital to Home Partnership Program.

*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. Chapter 19A of the General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 4D the following section:-

3 Section 4E. (a) There is hereby established within the executive office of health and  
4 human services a Hospital to Home Partnership Program, with the mission to promote  
5 partnerships between acute-care hospitals, as defined by section 25B of chapter 111 and aging  
6 services access points, or ASAPs, as defined by section 4B of chapter 19A, and to strengthen  
7 communication and coordination with community providers to promote institutional diversion  
8 and increase discharge rates from hospitals to home and community-based settings.

9 (b) There will be within each participating acute-care hospital no less than 1 ASAP staff  
10 member serving as home and community-based services hospital liaison. The liaison shall  
11 support the hospital’s efforts to connect individuals to home and community-based services  
12 programs and other community services to enable a community discharge instead of a skilled  
13 nursing facility or other institutional placement.