

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark J. Cusack

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 prior authorization requests.

PETITION OF:

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<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/14/2025</i>

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

An Act relative to prior authorization requests.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all health
2 insurance plans, as defined by Section 1 of Chapter 6D, shall be required to ensure adequate staff
3 during evening, weekend, and holiday hours to review and respond to any prior authorization
4 request within 24 hours of receipt. For the purposes of this section, “prior authorization request”
5 shall mean a submission by a health care provider, as defined by Section 1 of Chapter 6D, to a
6 patient’s health insurance plan for approval of a service or benefit deemed necessary by the
7 patient’s treating health care provider.