

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James Arciero

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 988 Samaritan suicide prevention signs on bridges of the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>James Arciero</i> | <i>2nd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/17/2025</i> |
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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to 988 Samaritan suicide prevention signs on bridges 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 SECTION 1 Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the
2 contrary, the department of highways shall install signage on all bridges of the commonwealth
3 under its jurisdiction. There shall be two signs on each bridge at either end of said bridges. The
4 signs shall contain "988 Suicide Prevention" and any other information necessary to convey to
5 individuals that an alternative to suicide exists and help is available by calling said number.
6 Such signs shall be of a reasonable size that is easily readable by either pedestrians or drivers
7 using the bridge as determined by the department of highways.

8 SECTION 2 Signage on all commonwealth bridges shall be installed by the
9 department of highways within one year of the passage of this act.