

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Margaret R. Scarsdale*

*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 preserving access to hospital services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/10/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2143 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act preserving access to hospital services.

*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 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end of section 51G the following new section:

3           (7) The department, in conjunction with other state departments or agencies, shall  
4 promulgate regulations creating a process for state receivership for any hospital or free-standing  
5 clinic that provides essential health services and (a) closes without providing the required 90-day  
6 notice or (b) closes a hospital or free-standing clinic following a determination by the department  
7 that a closure would constitute a discontinuation of services necessary for preserving access and  
8 health status in the hospital or free-standing clinic’s service area. These regulations shall include  
9 a mechanism and source for funding said receivership.