

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1572**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Joan B. Lovely*

*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 governance.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>4/2/2025</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>10/1/2025</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>10/3/2025</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1572) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to acute hospital governance. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1404 OF 2023-2024.]

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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 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 51 of Chapter 111 is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following  
2 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.