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SENATE . . . . . No. 1574

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark

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:	
Paul W. Mark	*Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire*	
Michael D. Brady	*Second Plymouth and Norfolk*	*2/27/2025*

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By Mr. Mark, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1574) of Paul W. Mark and Michael D. Brady for legislation to preserve access to hospital services. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1406* OF 2023-2024.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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:

Chapter 111 of the General Laws as appearing in the 2022 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding at the end of section 51G the following new section:

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