

SENATE No. 2607

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**
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SENATE, September 18, 2025.

The committee on Aging and Independence to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 495) of John C. Velis, Paul K. Frost, Susannah M. Whipps, Joanne M. Comerford and other members of the General Court for legislation to codify the Hospital to Home Partnership Program, report the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2607).

For the committee,
Patricia D. Jehlen

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An Act establishing the hospital to home partnership program.

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 19A of the General Laws are hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 4D the following section:-

3 Section 4E. (a) There is hereby established within the executive office of health and
4 human services a Hospital to Home Partnership Program, with the mission to promote
5 partnerships between acute-care hospitals, as defined by section 25B of chapter 111 and aging
6 services access points, or ASAPs, as defined by section 4B of chapter 19A, and to strengthen
7 communication and coordination with community providers to promote institutional diversion
8 and increase discharge rates from hospitals to home and community-based settings.

9 (b) Acute- care hospitals participating in the Hospital to Home Partnership Program shall
10 include at least 1 ASAP staff member to serve as a home and community-based services hospital
11 liaison. The liaison shall support the hospital’s efforts to connect individuals to home and
12 community-based services programs and other community services to enable a community
13 discharge instead of a skilled nursing facility or other institutional placement.