

SENATE No. 1572

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:

Joan B. Lovely

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Essex

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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.

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

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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.