

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jacob R. Oliveira***

*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 to improve health care coordination and safe discharge.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Jacob R. Oliveira*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester*

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act to improve health care coordination and safe discharge.

*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 2. In the case of a patient with a home care agency, a hospital shall notify a  
2 patient's home care agency and primary care doctor on discharge steps and medication  
3 instructions in a clear format. A hospital shall ensure notification on treatment steps and any  
4 updated medication to the patient's primary care doctor and home health care agency.

5 SECTION 3. Section 236 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
6 amended by adding after the words “the urgency of the need for caregiver services”, in  
7 subsection (c), the following words:- A hospital shall ensure clear discharge plan to a family  
8 caregiver including clear instructions to caregivers with limited language proficiency.

9 SECTION 4. Section 51D of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
10 amended by adding after the words “provided separately” the following words:- provided further  
11 that medication instructions are clear.