

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***James B. Eldridge***

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*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 putting patients over profits in hospital licensure.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*James B. Eldridge*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Middlesex and Worcester*

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act putting patients over profits in hospital licensure.

*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 51G of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 (9) No original license shall be granted, or renewed, to establish or maintain an acute-care  
4 hospital, as defined in section 25B, if the entity operating the acute-care hospital is organized as  
5 a for-profit entity; provided, however, that any acute-care hospital that, as of April 1, 2024, is  
6 operating as a for-profit entity shall be exempt from the requirements of this subsection. An  
7 exempt acute-care hospital under this subsection shall maintain its exempt status after a transfer  
8 to any transferee and subsequent transferees. A transferee or subsequent transferee of an acute-  
9 care hospital that is exempt from the requirements of this subparagraph shall be issued a license  
10 if the transferee otherwise satisfies all other requirements for licensure under this chapter.