

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2143**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Peter Capano*

*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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Peter Capano</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>1/17/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Adrienne Pusateri Ramos</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Erika Uytterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Margaret R. Scarsdale</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>

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By Representative Capano of Lynn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2143) of Peter Capano and others that the Department of Public Health create a process for state receivership for certain hospitals or free-standing clinics that provides essential health services. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

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:*

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding at the end of section 51G the following new section:

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