

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3910**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Jennifer M. Callahan**

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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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to hospital-acquired septic infections.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Thomas P. Kennedy	Second Plymouth and Bristol
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED SEPTIC INFECTIONS.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 206 the following  
2 section:-

3 Section 207. All medical and healthcare facilities operating and authorized to operate in the  
4 commonwealth shall be required to accept best practices relative to reducing the incidence and prevalence  
5 of Hospital Acquired Infections and Induced Sepsis. To use CDC endorsed standards, in combination  
6 with other best practice models, to take increased measures at health care facilities by mandating sepsis  
7 prevention and treatment protocols to enhance protection of patients on intravenous (IV) therapy and  
8 those at increased risk due to compromised immune systems related to actual disease state(s) and/or  
9 medication treatments.

10 Development of clinical protocols for frequent assessment and treatment of at risk patients on IV  
11 Therapy shall be mandated in all hospitals and nursing facilities. All such facilities shall report to the  
12 department of public health all cases of Hospital Induced Sepsis and Hospital Acquired Infections. Such  
13 facilities shall have further protocols in place to demonstrate appropriate accepted patient quarantine  
14 practices for such cases to prevent further patient complications or induced infections,.

15 All such facilities shall have best practice clinical protocols in place relative to the emergency  
16 treatment and care of patients diagnosed with Hospital Induced Sepsis including, but not limited to,  
17 diagnostic imaging (MRI, Echocardiogram, Ultrasound, White Cell Tracer, CT Scan, Bone Scan), clinical  
18 diagnostic testing, IV antibiotic regimes, surgical interventions (radiologic and other), pain management,  
19 hydration and hematologic assessment.

20 Penalties for not taking appropriate preventive actions shall result in fines to be determined by the  
21 department of public health.