

SENATE No. 1331

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 essential health services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Marc R. Pacheco

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Plymouth and Bristol

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1331) of Marc R. Pacheco for legislation relative to essential health services. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to essential health 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. Section 51G of chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 adding the following subsection:-

3 (7) Any medical health facility or hospital that provided essential health services, as
4 defined in 105 CMR 130.020, as of January 1, 2017, which phases out or discontinues these
5 services shall have their license suspended until these services are resumed. This subsection shall
6 apply if there is no alternative medical health facility or hospital within a 10-mile radius of the
7 medical health facility or hospital that provides the same essential health services.