

SENATE No. 725

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 reducing hospital readmission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 725) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative reducing hospital readmission. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative reducing hospital readmission.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the readmission
2 reduction benchmark under chapter 6D of the General Laws shall be a 20 per cent reduction of
3 readmission rates, as measured by the health policy commission in consultation with the center
4 for health information and analysis, between those rates observed in the year 2017 and those
5 rates observed in the year 2020, provided further that any hospital that experiences 25 percent or
6 more of its readmission from any skilled nursing facility licensed pursuant to 105 cmr 153 shall
7 enter into a memorandum of understanding with such facility relative to protocols for reducing
8 hospital readmission, which shall be submitted to the department of public health.