

HOUSE No. 1905

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Gailanne M. Cariddi

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 requiring hospital governing body training.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Cariddi of North Adams, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1905) of Gailanne M. Cariddi and others for legislation to require governing bodies of hospitals licensed by the Department of Public Health to complete a trustee training program. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act requiring hospital governing body training.

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 or rule or regulation to the
2 contrary, a hospital licensed by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health shall have a by-
3 law or bylaws which:

4 (a) In addition to any general orientation a hospital shall ensure that each member of the
5 hospital's governing body complete a trustee training program as set forth in (b) below conducted
6 by an approved training provider within six months of the member's appointment.

7 (b) The trustee training program shall consist of at least seven hours of instruction and
8 address each of the following subjects:

9 1. The ethical and fiduciary responsibilities of a member of a hospital governing body;

10 2. The role of the governing body in improving health care quality and the mechanisms
11 available for doing so;

12 3. Hospital financial management and understanding the financial statements of
13 healthcare institutions and reimbursement and finance payment systems;

14 4. Hospital organization and governance;

15 5. Legal and regulatory compliance issues.

16 (c) Instruction may be offered in-person at a classroom or seminar, on-line,
17 audio/webinar, or simulcast.

18 (d) A hospital shall maintain a copy of the certificate for each current governing body
19 member issued by the training provider.

20 (e) A hospital governing board member who has not completed a trustee training program
21 conducted by an approved training provider shall complete the trustee training program within
22 nine months of the effective date of this section.

23 SECTION 2. Hospital governing body training providers shall be approved by the
24 Massachusetts Department of Public Health who shall make available a list of providers within
25 30 days after passage.

26 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect 90 days after passage.