

SENATE No. 1260

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul R. Feeney

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 the protection of patient identity in waiting rooms.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/11/2019</i>

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By Mr. Feeney, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1260) of Paul R. Feeney and James K. Hawkins for legislation relative to the protection of patient identity in waiting rooms. Public Health.

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

An Act relative to the protection of patient identity in waiting rooms.

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 70E of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “law”, in line 46, the following
3 words:- , provided that confidentiality shall extend to a facility’s common areas and waiting
4 rooms.

5 SECTION 2. Said section 70E, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by adding the
6 following paragraph:-

7 Facilities shall develop and implement a system to protect the confidentiality of all
8 patients and residents throughout the facility, including the common areas and waiting rooms.