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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Peter J. Koutoujian**

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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 realtive to publicly funded beds. .

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Peter J. Koutoujian | 10th Middlesex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2150 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act realtive to publicly funded beds. .

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

SECT ION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 220 the following section:-

Section 221. The Department of Public Health shall hold a public hearing before the removal of any publicly funded bed. Furthermore, this hearing must take place sixty days before the proposed removal of said bed with notification provided to appropriate outlets. This hearing of the department may be held by the commissioner, or his designee or the hearings officer if so authorized by the commissioner and must be open to the public.