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To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Pursuant to Part the Second, Chapter I, Section I, Article II of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I am returning unsigned House Bill No. 4512, "An Act Relative to the Hale Hospital in the City of Haverhill."

This legislation originally was filed as a home rule bill by the City of Haverhill and was intended to facilitate the sale of Hale Hospital to a new hospital entity in order to ensure the continuation of acute care hospital and emergency room services in the area. According to the Mayor and City Council of Haverhill, however, the City now has determined it will be able to accomplish the goal of preserving hospital services without the necessity of legislative authorization. Accordingly, the Mayor and City Council, as well as the legislative sponsors of the original home rule petition, have written to request that the enacted version of this bill be vetoed as unnecessary.

For this reason, consistent with the principle of home rule, I am returning this bill unsigned at the request of the City of Haverhill.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Acting Governor

