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This well-intentioned bill will only serve to harm patients and communities by overburdening already critically overwhelmed emergency departments. In a state where many emergency departments are routinely on critical capacity divert and boarding patients for hours and days this legislation will undoubtedly lead to increased morbidity and mortality in the general population. It's no secret that homelessness is a major problem in our state and that legislators are looking for any avenue to ameliorate the problem, but shifting much of this onus on to emergency departments is not a meaningful or sustainable solution.