

**SENATE . . . . . No. 723**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Nick Collins*

*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 hospital bad debts, claim denials and prompt payments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Nick Collins*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Suffolk*

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By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 723) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to hospital bad debts, claim denials and prompt payments. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to hospital bad debts, claim denials and prompt payments.

*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 8(a) of Chapter 12C of the General Laws is amended by adding the following  
2 sentence after the first sentence thereof:

3           The center shall collect from each hospital its annual bad debt in total and broken down  
4 by the payer that insured the patient (including all commercial payers, government payers, and  
5 bad debt arising from services rendered to self-pay / uninsured patients); the claim denial rate by  
6 each commercial and government payer along with the annual dollar value of denied claims by  
7 payer; and an aged accounts receivable report by payer, and the center shall publish an annual  
8 report disclosing such data by hospital.