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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

William C. Galvin

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:

An Act to reduce the cost of outpatient care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
William C. Galvin	*6th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Galvin of Canton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1482) of William C. Galvin relative to the cost of outpatient care. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act to reduce the cost of outpatient care.

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

Section 1.

Section 25B of Chapter 111 of the Mass General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 official edition, is hereby amended in the definition of "Substantial Change of Services", by striking the last sentence.

Section 2.

Section 25C of Chapter 111, is hereby amended in the sixth paragraph, by adding at the end thereof the following:

Any acute care hospital seeking to build or expand an outpatient surgical or diagnostic facility shall a determination of need with the department. In determinations on applications for new outpatient surgical or diagnostic facilities or for substantial changes in services for licensed outpatient diagnostic or surgical facilities, the department shall apply the same criteria for those owned by acute care hospitals and freestanding ambulatory surgery centers.

Section 3.

Section 25C of Chapter 111, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new paragraph:

The Department shall conduct a statewide planning initiative for the purposes of studying and coordinating the availability and delivery of outpatient diagnostic and surgical health care services within the commonwealth. The initiative shall examine the current supply of outpatient services, and technologies and develop a plan for the provision of new services, technologies, and structural expansions throughout the commonwealth, and develop a plan for the continued role of freestanding ambulatory surgery centers within the commonwealth. The Department shall utilize this plan in its evaluation of all applications for a determination of need, as required

23 by this section, in order to determine whether the proposed expansion construction, or
24 acquisition of health care facilities or services is needed in the Commonwealth, or whether the
25 proposed expansion construction, or acquisition of health care facilities or services will
26 unnecessary duplicate ongoing services and increase health care costs in the Commonwealth."

27 Section 4.

28 Section 1 of Chapter 118G, is hereby amended in definition of "ambulatory surgical
29 center" by adding at the end thereof the following:

30 A single specialty or multi-specialty ambulatory surgical center which is licensed under
31 the provisions of Chapter 111 shall be included herein and shall be qualified for full participation
32 in the Medicaid program.