

SENATE No. 556

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 to strengthen the management of the health care connector..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Bruce E. Tarr

Benjamin Swan

11th Hampden

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 556) of Bruce E. Tarr and Benjamin Swan for legislation to strengthen the management of the health care connector. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to strengthen the management of the health care connector..

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 1. Subsection (b) of section 2 of chapter 176Q is hereby amended by
2 striking the following:-

3 (b) There shall be a board, with duties and powers established by this chapter,
4 which shall govern the connector. The connector board shall consist of 13 members: the
5 secretary for administration and finance, or a designee, who shall serve as chairperson; the
6 director of Medicaid or a designee; the commissioner of insurance or a designee; the executive
7 director of the group insurance commission; 6 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom
8 shall be a member in good standing of the American Academy of Actuaries, 1 of whom shall be
9 a health economist, 1 of whom shall represent the interests of small businesses, 2 of whom shall
10 be from organizations representing employers, and 1 of whom shall be a member of the
11 Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of Health Underwriters; and 3 members
12 appointed by the attorney general, 1 of whom shall be an employee health benefits plan
13 specialist, 1 of whom shall be a representative of a health consumer organization and 1 of whom

14 shall be a representative of organized labor. No appointee shall be an employee of any licensed
15 carrier authorized to do business in the commonwealth. All appointments shall serve a term of 3
16 years, but a person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term. An
17 appointed member of the board shall be eligible for reappointment. The board shall annually
18 elect 1 of its members to serve as vice-chairperson.