

HOUSE No. 1004

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 healthcare cost control.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1004) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to requiring that the health care cost growth benchmark be equal to the growth rate of potential gross state product. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to healthcare cost control.

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. Paragraph (b) of section 9 of chapter 224 of the acts of 2012 is hereby
2 amended by striking out sections (1) and (2) and inserting in place thereof the following two new
3 sections:

4 (1) For calendar years 2013 through 2015, the health care cost growth benchmark shall be
5 equal to the growth rate of potential gross state product established under section 7H½ of chapter
6 29; provided, however, that the growth rate of potential gross state product for calendar year
7 2013 shall be 3.6 per cent.

8 (2) For calendar years 2016 through 2022, the health care cost growth benchmark shall be
9 equal to the growth rate of potential gross state product established under said section 7H½ of
10 said chapter 29, minus 2 per cent.