

HOUSE No. 1190

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sarah K. Peake

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 promote healthy sole community provider and critical access hospitals.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>

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By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1190) of Sarah K. Peake, Julian Cyr and Michael O. Moore for legislation to establish a sole community provider working group (including members of the General Court) focusing on the role sole rural community hospitals play in access to affordable and quality of care. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act to promote healthy sole community provider and critical access hospitals.

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. There shall be within the executive office of health and human services a
2 sole community provider working group focusing on the role sole community hospitals play in
3 their rural service delivery areas in terms of access to affordable and quality of care. The
4 working group shall be comprised of the director of medicaid or designee; a member from the
5 health policy commission; a member from the center for health Information and analysis; 2
6 members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker, 1 of whom shall be from
7 Berkshire county and 1 of whom shall be from Barnstable County; and 2 members of the Senate
8 appointed by the Senate president, 1 of whom shall be from Berkshire County and 1 of whom
9 shall be from Barnstable County. Said working group shall focus on aging, poor and shrinking
10 populations, high uninsured rates and a payer mix dominated by medicare and medicaid,
11 economic challenges in the community, infrastructure challenges, payment delivery system
12 models and the exclusion of sole community hospitals from special grants and other payments

13 that many disproportionate care hospitals receive. Said working group shall file a report with the
14 secretary of health and human services, the House and Senate committees on ways and means
15 and the joint committee on health care financing no later than April 1, 2020.