

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1097**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Nine**  
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An Act to establish a community hospital fund for computerized physician order entry ..

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

1           This act will establish a new Computerized Physician Order Entry Community Hospital  
2 fund via existing funding sources, as follows:

3           Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, fifty percent of  
4 the surplus, if any, contained in the health safety net fund established pursuant to chapter 116G,  
5 section 36, shall be transferred to a computerized physician order entry community hospital fund  
6 to be administered by the division of health care finance and policy. The division shall develop  
7 grant award criteria for the purpose of funding physician CPOE education and training activities  
8 in the community hospital setting. Grant applicants shall file CPOE implementation plans with  
9 the division detailing their project and estimated expenses.

10           This act will prioritize grants from the existing E-Health Institute Fund for CPOE  
11 implementation on community hospitals:

12           Notwithstanding any general law or special regulation to the contrary, the greater of  
13 \$5,000,000 or thirty percent of the funds available to the e-health institute fund, established

- 14 pursuant to section 4 of chapter 305 of the acts of 2008, shall be expended to provide grants for
- 15 the implementation of computerized physician order entry systems in community hospitals.