

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1234**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***George N. Peterson, 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 to determine cost of mandates.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>	<i>1/20/2011</i>

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By Mr. Peterson of Grafton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1234) of George N. Peterson, Jr. relative to determining the cost of mandates. Health Care Financing.

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to determine cost of mandates.

*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. Section 7A of Chapter 26 of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding after the second paragraph the following:

3           The Commissioner shall direct the health care access bureau to hold hearings every two  
4 years by July 1 in the year following the end of each legislative session to determine the impact  
5 on health care premiums and health care cost trends resulting from new mandated health  
6 benefits, assessments on health plans or providers, new data reporting requirements and any  
7 other law passed by the legislature during the session just concluded that would impact  
8 premiums and cost trends. All licensed health plans shall be invited to participate and provide  
9 data regarding the impact on premiums. The bureau shall issue a comprehensive report to the  
10 senate and house chairs of the committees on ways and means, the senate and house chairs of the  
11 health care finance committee and the senate and house chairs of the financial services  
12 committee by October 1 summarizing its findings.