

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1124**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

*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 prevent unscrupulous medical debt recovery practices..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Mark C. Montigny*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Mr. Montigny, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1124) of Montigny for legislation relative to protecting hospital and community health center patients [Joint Committee on Public Health].

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 843 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to prevent unscrupulous medical debt recovery practices..

*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 (i) of section 18 of Chapter 118G of the General Laws,  
2 as amended by section 354 of Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2003, is hereby amended by inserting at  
3 the end thereof the following sentence:-

4                   The division shall adopt regulations prohibiting a hospital or community health center or  
5 an agent of a hospital or community health center from seeking legal execution against the  
6 personal residence up to the statutory amount provided for in chapter 188 of the general laws,  
7 irrespective of whether a patient or a guarantor for a patient has recorded a declaration of  
8 homestead, or the primary motor vehicle of a patient or a guarantor for a patient.