

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1153**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Richard T. Moore***

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*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 require equitable payment from the Commonwealth.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Richard T. Moore*

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*Geraldo Alicea*

*6th Worcester*

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By Mr. Moore, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1153) of Alicea and Moore for legislation to require equitable payment from the Commonwealth [Joint Committee on Public Health].

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 871 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act to require equitable payment from the Commonwealth.

*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 16 of chapter 6A, as appearing in the 2008 Official  
2 edition of the General Laws, is amended by adding, at the end of the thereof, after the word,  
3 “programs.” the following:--

4                   And provided further that the secretary of the executive office of health and human  
5 services shall ensure that network hospitals are compensated at their full negotiated rate for  
6 behavioral health services provided to MassHealth patients who are also clients of agencies  
7 within the executive office of health and human services and for whom no appropriate  
8 alternative placement is available. Provided however, such compensation shall only be provided  
9 if the hospital can document that it has engaged in good faith efforts to place said clients in any  
10 appropriate alternative setting.