

SENATE No. 524

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 relative to supplemental lines of insurance..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael O. Moore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 524) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to supplemental lines of insurance. Health Care Financing.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to supplemental lines of insurance..

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 6 of Chapter 118G of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking the fifth paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:- The division shall
3 require the submission of data and other information from each private health care payer offering
4 small or large group health plans including, but not limited to: (i) average annual individual and
5 family plan premiums for each payer's most popular plans for a representative range of group
6 sizes, as further determined in regulations and average annual individual and family plan
7 premiums for the lowest cost plan in each group size that meets the minimum standards and
8 guidelines established by the division of insurance under section 8H of chapter 26; (ii)
9 information concerning the actuarial assumptions that underlie the premiums for each plan; (iii)
10 summaries of the plan designs for each plan; (iv) information concerning the medical and
11 administrative expenses, including medical loss ratios for each plan, using a uniform
12 methodology, and collected under section 21 of chapter 176O; (v) information concerning the
13 payer's current level of reserves and surpluses; (vi) information on provider payment methods
14 and levels; (vii) health status adjusted total medical expenses by provider group and local

15 practice group and zip code calculated according to a uniform methodology; (viii) relative prices
16 paid to every hospital, physician group, ambulatory surgical center, freestanding imaging center,
17 mental health facility, rehabilitation facility, skilled nursing facility and home health provider in
18 the payer's network, by type of provider and calculated according to a uniform methodology; and
19 (ix) hospital inpatient and outpatient costs, including direct and indirect costs, according to a
20 uniform methodology. For the purposes of this section the following products of a private health
21 care payer are excluded from the data submission requirements of this section: accident only,
22 credit only, limited scope vision or dental benefits if offered separately; hospital indemnity
23 insurance policies if offered as independent, non- coordinated benefits which for the purposes of
24 this chapter shall mean policies issued under chapter 175 which provide a benefit not to exceed
25 \$500 per day, as adjusted on an annual basis by the amount of increase in the average weekly
26 wages in the commonwealth as defined in section 1 of chapter 152, to be paid to an insured or a
27 dependent, including the spouse of an insured, on the basis of a hospitalization of the insured or a
28 dependent; disability income insurance; coverage issued as a supplement to liability insurance;
29 specified disease insurance that is purchased as a supplement and not as a substitute for a health
30 plan and meets any requirements the commissioner by regulation may set; insurance arising out
31 of a workers' compensation law or similar law; automobile medical payment insurance;
32 insurance under which benefits are payable with or without regard to fault and which is
33 statutorily required to be contained in a liability insurance policy or equivalent self insurance;
34 long-term care if offered separately; coverage supplemental to the coverage provided under 10
35 U.S.C. 55 if offered as a separate insurance policy; or any policy subject to chapter 176K or any
36 similar policies issued on a group basis, Medicare Advantage plans or Medicare Prescription
37 drug plans.