

HOUSE No. 1924

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael A. Costello

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 medical peer review.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Michael A. Costello</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>	

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By Mr. Costello of Newburyport, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1924) of Michael A. Costello relative to medical peer review. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to medical peer review.

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 1 of chapter 111, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by striking out the definition of “Medical peer review committee” or
3 “committee”, and inserting in place thereof the following definition:-

4 “Medical peer review committee” or “committee”, a committee of health care providers,
5 which functions to: (i) evaluate or improve the quality of health care rendered by providers of
6 health care services; (ii) determine whether health care services were performed in compliance
7 with the applicable standards of care; (iii) determine whether the costs of health care services
8 were performed in compliance with the applicable standards of care; (iv) determine whether the
9 cost of the health care services rendered were considered reasonable by the providers of health
10 services in the area; (v) determine whether a health care provider’s actions call into question
11 such health care provider’s fitness to provide health care services; or (vi) evaluate and assist
12 health care providers impaired or allegedly impaired by reason of alcohol, drugs, physical
13 disability, mental instability or otherwise; provided further, that “medical peer review
14 committee” shall also include: (i) a committee of a pharmacy society or association that is
15 authorized to evaluate the quality of pharmacy services or the competence of pharmacists and
16 suggest improvements in pharmacy systems to enhance patient care; or (ii) a pharmacy peer
17 review committee established by a person or entity that owns a licensed pharmacy or employs
18 pharmacists that is authorized to evaluate the quality of pharmacy services or the competence of
19 pharmacists and suggest improvements in pharmacy systems to enhance patient care.

20 SECTION 2. Said chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby further amended by
21 inserting at the end of section 204 the following :

(f) The provisions of this section shall apply to any committee formed by an individual health care provider, physician group practice, licensed health care facility or any combination thereof to perform the duties or functions of medical peer review as set forth in section one of this chapter, notwithstanding the fact that the formation of the committee is not required by law or regulation or that the individual, group or facility is not solely affiliated with a public hospital or licensed hospital or nursing home or health maintenance organization.