

**SENATE . . . . . No. 518**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jennifer L. Flanagan***

*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 provide access to patient protection services for all Massachusetts citizens.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 518) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, Jennifer E. Benson, Kay Khan, Ruth B. Balser and others for legislation to provide access to patient protection services for all Massachusetts citizens. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 505 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act to provide access to patient protection services for all Massachusetts citizens.

*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. Notwithstanding the provision of any general or special law to the contrary,  
2 every citizen of Massachusetts shall have access to the standards and procedures established  
3 under Sections 13, 14, 15, and 16 of Chapter 176O. Such standards shall be administered and  
4 enforced by the Office of Patient Protection established by Section 217 of Chapter 111.

5           The Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall request Waivers from any  
6 federal laws or regulations which impede the effective implementation of this Act.