

**SENATE . . . . . No. 528**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas M. McGee*

*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 adult foster care rate adjustment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Thomas M. McGee*

*Third Essex*

*Michael O. Moore*

*Second Worcester*

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By Mr. McGee, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 528) of Thomas M. McGee and Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to adult foster care rate adjustment. Health Care Financing.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to adult foster care rate adjustment.

*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 any general or special law to the contrary, the Secretary of  
2 the Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall pursuant to General Laws Chapter  
3 118E, Sections 13C-13D, as amended by Section 123 of Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012,  
4 complete a review of Mass Health payment rates for Adult Foster Care services by September 1,  
5 2013. The Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall promulgate  
6 regulations, effective January 1, 2014, on increasing said rates by 8% above the rates in effect  
7 since 2008.

8           In conducting said review, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human  
9 Services shall consider, consistent with Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012: (i) innovative program  
10 features that lower the growth of long-term care and health care costs; (ii) opportunities for  
11 incorporating alternative payment methodologies that will promote caregiver recruitment and  
12 retention and foster improved consumer access and health outcomes; (iii) the lack of a timely and  
13 comprehensive rate review for Adult Foster Care services since 2008.