

SENATE No. 528

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:
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>

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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.

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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.