

**SENATE . . . . . No. 538**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Richard T. 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 the provider’s council.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Richard T. Moore</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Carlos Henriquez</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Thomas P. Conroy</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael R. Knapik</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Richard T. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 538) of Richard T. Moore, John W. Scibak, Stephen L. DiNatale, Carlos Henriquez and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the provider's council. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 534 OF 2011-2012.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act relative to the provider’s council.

*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 provisions of subsections (b), (c) or (f) of section 12  
2 of chapter 176J or any other general or special law to the contrary, Massachusetts Council of  
3 Human Services Providers, Inc., a Massachusetts charitable corporation, shall be deemed a  
4 “qualified association” and an approved “small business group purchasing cooperative,” both as  
5 defined in section 1 of chapter 176J, and as such may procure health care coverage for qualified  
6 association members subject only to the provisions of subsections (a), (d) and (e) of section 12 of  
7 chapter 176J and section 13 of chapter 176J.