

SENATE No. 540

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 requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Richard T. Moore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Norfolk

SENATE No. 540

By Mr. Richard T. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 540) of Richard T. Moore for legislation to require reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 536 OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services.

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 12 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:--

3 The costs of providing competent interpreter services through sign and spoken languages,
4 by facilities licensed under section 19 of chapter 19 of the general laws and section 51 of chapter
5 111 of the general laws, shall be recognized and separately reimbursed by the division in any
6 type of contracts with providers of medical services.

7 SECTION 2. Section 24B of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
8 amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:--

9 The costs of providing competent interpreter services through sign and spoken languages,
10 by facilities licensed under section 19 of chapter 19 of the general laws and section 51 of chapter
11 111 of the general laws, shall be recognized and separately reimbursed by the healthcare insurer.