

SENATE No. 548

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. 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 providing immediate relief to businesses on health care costs.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Michael O. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 548) of Michael O. Moore, Stephen L. DiNatale and Barry R. Finegold for legislation to provide immediate relief to small business on health care costs. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 522 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act providing immediate relief to businesses on health care costs.

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. It shall be the policy of the General Court to impose a moratorium on the
2 enactment of any and all new mandated health benefit legislation.

3 SECTION 2. Section 304 of chapter 149 of the acts of 2004, requiring the executive
4 office of health and human services to produce a list of employers who have 50 or more
5 employees using public health assistance each year, is hereby repealed.

6 SECTION 3. Section 14G of chapter 151A of the General Laws is hereby repealed.

7 SECTION 4. The division of unemployment assistance, in conjunction with the
8 commonwealth health insurance connector authority and the division of medical assistance, shall
9 make recommendations to the legislature by June 30, 2013 on how best to provide health
10 insurance to unemployed residents of the commonwealth who qualify for benefits under chapter
11 151A of the general laws, by expanding MassHealth programs or the connector's existing
12 programs, provided that such programs will be paid for from the General Fund and not through a
13 special assessment on employers and provided further such program shall maximize federal
14 reimbursement to the extent possible.