

SENATE No. 568

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 to strengthen the management of the health care connector.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Bruce E. Tarr

First Essex and Middlesex

Richard J. Ross

Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 568) of Bruce E. Tarr and Richard J. Ross for legislation to strengthen the management of the health care connector. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 556 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to strengthen the management of the health care connector.

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 2 of chapter 176Q of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsection (b) in its entirety and replacing it with
3 the following:-

4 (b) There shall be a board, with duties and powers established by this chapter, which shall
5 govern the connector. The connector board shall consist of 13 members: the secretary for
6 administration and finance, or a designee, who shall serve as chairperson; the director of
7 Medicaid or a designee; the commissioner of insurance or a designee; the executive director of
8 the group insurance commission; 6 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a
9 member in good standing of the American Academy of Actuaries, 1 of whom shall be a health
10 economist, 1 of whom shall represent the interests of small businesses, 2 of whom shall be from
11 organizations representing employers, and 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts
12 chapter of the National Association of Health Underwriters; and 3 members appointed by the
13 attorney general, 1 of whom shall be an employee health benefits plan specialist, 1 of whom shall
14 be a representative of a health consumer organization and 1 of whom shall be a representative of
15 organized labor. No appointee shall be an employee of any licensed carrier authorized to do
16 business in the commonwealth. All appointments shall serve a term of 3 years, but a person
17 appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term. An appointed member of the

18 board shall be eligible for reappointment. The board shall annually elect 1 of its members to
19 serve as vice-chairperson.