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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1019

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Nangle

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 prohibit material changes above the cost benchmark.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
David M. Nangle	*17th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Nangle of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1019) of David M. Nangle relative to the exceeding of health care cost growth benchmarks by certain providers or provider organizations. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act to prohibit material changes above the cost benchmark.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 8 of Chapter 6D of the General Laws, as appearing in the Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the last sentence in paragraph (b), the following new language:

"Any provider or provider organization that has been identified by the center under section 18 of chapter 12C as exceeding the heath care cost growth benchmark for any given year, shall be prohibited by the commission from making any material change to its operations or governance structure that would otherwise require notice to the commission pursuant to section 13 of this chapter. The commission may exclude a provider or provider organization from this prohibition if the market share of the provider or provider organization is below a threshold as determined by the commission, or if the provider or provider organization's total medical expenses or relative price are below the statewide median. The prohibition shall continue until

12 the center has determined that the provider or provider organization has lowered its relative price

13 and total medical expenses to a level at or below the cost growth benchmark."