

HOUSE No. 975

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark J. Cusack

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 Contain Health Care Costs by Reducing Fraudulent Billing Practices.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/16/2015</i>

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By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 975) of Mark J. Cusack for legislation to reduce fraudulent billing practices for health care costs. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act to Contain Health Care Costs by Reducing Fraudulent Billing Practices.

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 175H of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking, in line 24, the word “seven” and inserting in
3 place thereof the following:- “6”.

4 SECTION 2. Section 3 of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
5 amended by striking, in line 15, the word “seven” and inserting in place thereof the following:-
6 “6”.

7 SECTION 3. Section 6 of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
8 amended by striking the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following:- “A person
9 who receives a health care benefit or payment from a health care corporation or health insurer
10 which such person knows that he or she is not entitled to receive or be paid, or a person who
11 violates section two or section three shall be liable to the health care corporation or health insurer

12 for 3 times the full amount of the benefit or payment, and for reasonable attorneys fees and
13 costs, inclusive of investigation.”.

14 SECTION 4. Section 7 of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
15 amended by striking in line 4, the words “the full amount” and inserting in place thereof the
16 following:- “3 times the full amount”.