

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 999

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Kevin G. Honan***

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*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 relative to the Masshealth program.

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PETITION OF:

| NAME:                 | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:   | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Kevin G. Honan</i> | <i>17th Suffolk</i> | <i>1/15/2015</i> |

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 999

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By Mr. Honan of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 999) of Kevin G. Honan that the center for health information and analysis report the weighted average payer rate for each acute care hospital. Health Care Financing.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act relative to the Masshealth program.

*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 16 of the chapter 12C of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2   2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3           (d) The center shall publicly report the weighted average payer rate for each acute care  
4   hospital in the commonwealth. The weighted average payer rate shall be defined as the average  
5   of the sum of inpatient revenue per discharge and outpatient revenue per visit received by the  
6   hospital from commercial carriers, MassHealth, and the Medicare program, as weighted by the  
7   net patient service revenue payer mix of commercial carriers, so-called, MassHealth and  
8   Medicare, respectively. The report shall also include the median weighted average payer rate for  
9   all acute care hospitals in the commonwealth.

10          SECTION 2. Section 67 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
11   amended by adding the following subsection:-

12           (c) Each acute care hospital that has a weighted average payer rate that is more than  
13   twenty percent above the median for all acute care hospitals in the commonwealth, as determined  
14   by the center for health information and analysis, shall be liable to the fund in an amount equal to  
15   twenty percent of the amount by which the hospital's weighted average payer rate exceeds the  
16   median.