

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1190**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

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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 to prevent unscrupulous medical debt recovery practices.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Mark C. Montigny*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1190) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation relative to protecting hospital and community health center patients. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1047 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to prevent unscrupulous medical debt recovery 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            Subsection (i) of section 18 of Chapter 118G of the General Laws, as amended by section  
2    354 of Chapter 26 of the Acts of 2003, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the  
3    following sentence:-

4            The division shall adopt regulations prohibiting a hospital or community health center or  
5    an agent of a hospital or community health center from seeking legal execution against the  
6    personal residence up to the statutory amount provided for in chapter 188 of the general laws,  
7    irrespective of whether a patient or a guarantor for a patient has recorded a declaration of  
8    homestead, or the primary motor vehicle of a patient or a guarantor for a patient.