

SENATE No. 1352

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. Downing

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 municipal health care market.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Benjamin B. Downing</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1352) of Benjamin B. Downing and Marjorie C. Decker for legislation relative to the municipal health care market. Public Service.

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

An Act relative to the municipal health care market.

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 19 of chapter 32B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking from the second paragraph of subsection (e),
3 beginning at line 183, the words “at either 3 or 6-year intervals from the date of transfer of
4 subscribers to the commission, as determined by the written agreement which shall specify the
5 withdrawal interval and withdrawal procedures” and inserting in place thereof the following:-

6 “after an initial 3-year period from the date of transfer of subscribers to the commission,
7 or annually thereafter, as determined by the written agreement, which shall specify the
8 withdrawal procedures.”

9 And further by striking out, in line 196, the word “October”, and inserting in place
10 thereof the following: “December”.

11 SECTION 2. Said section 19 of chapter 32B is further amended at the end of the last
12 paragraph of subsection (f), by inserting the following:-

13 “; provided that, in order to facilitate a request from a political subdivision for its claims
14 history under this section, the commission shall maintain separate files for the claims information
15 of each political subdivision.”

16 Upon request, the commission shall annually provide each political subdivision with a
17 complete claims history including: (1) claims history by month for the most recent 12 months (2)
18 enrollment by month for the most recent 12 months (3) large loss claims information (4) benefit
19 changes for the most recent 12 months (5) census by gender and zip code.

20 Such data shall be provided upon written request by the mayor or town manager or the
21 public employee committee. The commission may charge a fee for providing the data in an
22 amount determined by the executive director, which fee shall not be greater than \$1,000. The
23 commission shall provide a detailed data response to such request within 60 days.”

24 SECTION 3. Section 23 of chapter 32B is hereby amended by striking from subsection
25 (a), beginning in line 38, the words “at 3 year intervals from the date of transfer of subscribers to
26 the commission” and inserting in place thereof the following:-

27 “upon the expiration of an initial 3-year period from the date of transfer of subscribers to
28 the commission, or annually thereafter”

29 And further by striking out, in line 41, the word “October”, and inserting in place thereof
30 the following: “December”.

31 SECTION 4. Said section 23 of chapter 32B is further amended at the end of the last
32 sentence of the first paragraph of subsection (b), by inserting the following:-

33 “; provided that, in order to facilitate a request from a political subdivision for its claims
34 history under this section, the commission shall maintain separate files for the claims information
35 of each political subdivision.”

36 Upon request, the commission shall annually provide each political subdivision with a
37 complete claims history including: (1) claims history by month for the most recent 12 months (2)
38 enrollment by month for the most recent 12 months (3) large loss claims information (4) benefit
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41 public employee committee. The commission may charge a fee for providing the data in an
42 amount determined by the executive director, which shall not be greater than \$1,000. The
43 commission shall provide a detailed data response to such request within 60 days.”