

**SENATE . . . . . No. 514**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas P. Kennedy*

*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 requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Thomas P. Kennedy*

*Second Plymouth and Bristol*

*Ruth B. Balsler*

*12th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Kennedy, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 514) of Thomas P. Kennedy and Ruth B. Balsler for legislation to require reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services. Financial Services.

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**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 requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services.

*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 13F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding at the end of the first paragraph the following sentence: Provided however, the costs of  
3 providing competent interpreter services through sign and spoken languages by facilities licensed  
4 under section 19 of chapter 19 of the general laws or Section 51 of Chapter 111 of the general  
5 laws, shall be recognized and separately reimbursed by the division and its contracted health  
6 insurers, health plans, health maintenance organizations, behavioral health management firms  
7 and third party contractors under contract to a division managed care organization or primary  
8 care clinician program.

9 SECTION 2: Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the  
10 contrary, Carriers as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 176O and their contractors, shall recognize  
11 and separately reimburse facilities licensed under section 19 of Chapter 19 of the general laws or

- 12 Section 51 of Chapter 111 of the general laws for the costs of providing competent interpreter
- 13 services through sign and spoken languages.