

SENATE No. 576

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 hospitals serving aging populations.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Benjamin B. Downing

Marjorie C. Decker

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and
Hampden*

25th Middlesex

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 576) of Benjamin B. Downing and Marjorie C. Decker for legislation relative to hospitals serving aging populations. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to hospitals serving aging populations.

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 65 of said Chapter 118E, as so appearing is hereby amended by
2 inserting after the second paragraph the following paragraph:-

3 Disproportionate share hospitals located in counties with a percentage of the population
4 65 years or older in excess of the state average by five percent or more shall receive 50% of the
5 Public Service Hospital Safety Net Care Payments available. For the purposes of this section, the
6 percentage of the population at age 65 or older of any county shall be that enumerated in the
7 most recent federal census. Providers designated as critical access hospitals shall not be subject
8 to the provisions of this section.