

**SENATE . . . . . No. 584**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jennifer L. Flanagan***

*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 provide access to patient protection for all Massachusetts citizens.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 584) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, Angelo M. Scaccia, Jennifer E. Benson, Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide access to patient protection services for all Massachusetts citizens. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 518 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 provide access to patient protection for all Massachusetts citizens.

*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: Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the  
2 contrary, every citizen of Massachusetts shall have access to the standards and procedures  
3 established in Sections 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Chapter 176O. Such standard shall be administered  
4 and enforced by the Office of Patient Protection established by Section 217 of Chapter 111.

5           The Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Division of Insurance shall  
6 request Waivers from any laws or regulations which impede the effective implementation of this  
7 Act.