

**SENATE . . . . . No. 616**

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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 benefit the Health Safety Net Trust Fund.**

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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. 616) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to benefit the Health Safety Net Trust Fund. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 531 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 benefit the Health Safety Net Trust Fund.

*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. The Center for Health Information and Analysis shall amend the Health  
2 Safety Net Payments and Funding regulations (114.6 CMR 14.00) in order to increase the  
3 revenue available for provider payments and to reduce the Health Safety Net fund’s shortfall  
4 amount. Such amendment shall:

- 5 a) Establish a new Large Physician Organizations Assessment that creates a \$20,000,000  
6 annual liability for independent physician organizations with more than 500 physician members.  
7 A physician organization - whether a parent physician group or a local practice group as defined  
8 by the Center for Health Information and Analysis - shall be considered independent, however  
9 organized, so long as such practice is owned and controlled by one or more of the practitioners  
10 so associated. Such independent physician organizations shall be exempt from liability for this

11 new assessment if their percentage of gross billed charges for services reimbursed by the state  
12 Office of Medicaid is equal to or greater than 15% of their total gross billed charges for that  
13 fiscal year.

14           b) Ensure that such Large Physician Organizations who contribute to the Health Safety  
15 Net under subsection (a) are reimbursed for uncompensated care in a manner consistent with  
16 payments made to hospitals and community health centers under 114.6 CMR 14.00, the  
17 Massachusetts Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver governing safety net care, or any other  
18 federally required limit on payments under 42 U.S.C.1396a(a)(13) or 42 CFR 447.