

SENATE No. 628

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Rodrigues

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 protect health care reform funding.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>

SENATE No. 628

By Mr. Rodrigues, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 628) of Michael J. Rodrigues, Linda Dorcena Forry, James B. Eldridge, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect health care reform funding. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 554 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to protect health care reform funding.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be established and
2 set up on the books of the commonwealth as a separate fund to be known as the Medicaid and
3 Health Care Reform FMAP Trust Fund. The fund shall consist of any funds that may be
4 appropriated or transferred for deposit into the trust fund, interest earned on such revenues, and
5 other sources. The comptroller shall deposit an amount to the fund determined by secretary of
6 administration and finance that is equivalent to the additional Medicaid and Children’s Health
7 Insurance Program funding provided by the federal government pursuant to the increased federal
8 Medicaid assistance percentage pursuant to the Sections 2001 and 2101 of the Patient Protection
9 and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and as further addressed in Section 1201 of the Health Care
10 and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. The fund shall be used for the following purposes: (1)

11 to support the financing of health insurance coverage for low-income Massachusetts residents,
12 including MassHealth, other state health insurance programs and insurance offered through the
13 commonwealth's health insurance exchange and (2) to improve Medicaid reimbursement to
14 health care providers. The secretary of administration and finance shall administer the fund. No
15 later than January 31 of each year, the secretary, in consultation with the executive office of
16 health and human services, the commonwealth health insurance connector authority, healthcare
17 providers participating in the Medicaid program, and consumer representatives, shall submit a
18 report to the house and senate ways and means committees and the joint committee on health
19 care financing that includes the current funding available in the fund, the funding estimated to be
20 deposited through the end of the current and subsequent fiscal year, estimated expenditures from
21 the fund, and recommendations for transferring such funds to other state accounts and funds in a
22 manner consistent with the purpose of the fund.