

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2467**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Elizabeth A. Malia***

*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 providing access to patient protection services for all Massachusetts residents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	

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By Ms. Malia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2467) of Elizabeth A. Malia and others relative to providing access to patient protection services for all residents. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2009 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act providing access to patient protection services for all Massachusetts residents.

*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 provision of any general or special law to the contrary,  
2 every resident of Massachusetts shall have access to the standards and procedures established  
3 under sections 13, 14, 15, and 16 of chapter 176O. Such standards shall be administered and  
4 enforced by the office of patient protection established by section 217 of chapter 111. The  
5 executive office of health and human services and the Division of Insurance shall request  
6 waivers from any federal laws or regulations which impede the effective implementation of this  
7 Act.