

HOUSE No. 2986

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Finn

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 Community Hospital Reinvestment Trust Fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>

<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2986) of Michael J. Finn and others for legislation to establish large physician organizations assessment of certain non-profit physician organizations. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to benefit the Community Hospital Reinvestment 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. Notwithstanding any special or general law to the contrary, Section
2 2TTTT of Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition is hereby
3 amended by inserting at the end of subsection (a) the following:- In order to increase annual
4 allotments into the Community Hospital Reinvestment Trust Fund, The Secretary shall establish
5 a new Large Physician Organizations Assessment that proportionally assesses not more than
6 \$20,000,000 in funds from independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit physician organizations with more
7 than 500 physician members, provided, that such Large Physician Organizations shall not be
8 controlled or owned by a licensed acute care hospital or hospital system. Such Large Physician
9 Organization - whether a Provider Organization or a local practice group as these terms are
10 utilized by the Center for Health Information and Analysis - shall be considered independent,
11 however organized, so long as such practice is owned and controlled by one or more of the
12 physicians in the organization. Each Large Physician Organization subject to this assessment

13 shall be liable for a proportional share of the total annual assessment that is calculated relative to
14 their annual commercially insured net patient service revenue.

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16 Any such non-profit, large physician organization shall be exempt from this assessment if
17 their percentage of gross charges reimbursed by the state Office of Medicaid is equal to or
18 greater than 15% of their total charges for that fiscal year.

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20 SECTION 2. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall adopt all rules
21 and regulations necessary to establish the Large Physician Organizations Assessment and to
22 increase annual appropriations to the Community Hospital Reinvestment Trust Fund, as outlined
23 above, not later than 90 days after the passage of this Act.