

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 502**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Gerard Cassidy***

*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 requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balse</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>

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By Mr. Cassidy of Brockton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 502) of Gerard Cassidy and others relative to the reimbursement of interpreter services incurred by certain hospitals. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act requiring reimbursement for the costs of providing competent interpreter services.

*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. Section 13F of Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
2 adding at the end of the first paragraph the following sentence:

3           Provided however, the costs of providing competent interpreter services through sign and  
4 spoken languages by facilities licensed under section 19 of chapter 19 of the general laws or  
5 Section 51 of Chapter 111 of the general laws, shall be recognized and separately reimbursed by  
6 the division and its contracted health insurers, health plans, health maintenance organizations,  
7 behavioral health management firms and third party contractors under contract to a division  
8 managed care organization or primary care clinician program.

9           Section 2: Notwithstanding any general or special law, rule or regulation to the contrary,  
10 “Carriers” and “Behavioral Health Managers” as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 176O and their  
11 contractors, shall recognize and separately reimburse facilities licensed under section 19 of

- 12 Chapter 19 of the general laws or Section 51 of Chapter 111 of the general laws for the costs of
- 13 providing competent interpreter services through sign and spoken languages.