

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 relative to healthcare cost control.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/15/2017</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. relative to requiring that the health care cost growth benchmark be equal to the growth rate of potential gross state product. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1004 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to healthcare cost control.

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. Paragraph (b) of section 9 of Chapter 6D is hereby amended by striking out
2 sections (1) and (2) and inserting in place thereof the following two new sections:

3 “(1) For calendar years 2013 through 2015, the health care cost growth benchmark shall
4 be equal to the growth rate of potential gross state product established under section 7H½ of
5 chapter 29; provided, however, that the growth rate of potential gross state product for calendar
6 year 2013 shall be 3.6 per cent.

7 (2) For calendar years 2016 through 2022, the health care cost growth benchmark shall be
8 equal to the growth rate of potential gross state product established under said section 7H½ of
9 said chapter 29, minus 2 per cent.