

# SENATE . . . . . No. 2535

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, Thursday, May 31, 2018

The committee on Health Care Financing, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 31) of Julian Cyr, Timothy R. Whelan, Sarah K. Peake and Michael D. Brady for legislation to establish a low vision registry; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 44) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, Jay R. Kaufman, Marjorie C. Decker, Jason M. Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to protect children's mental health services; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 58) of Barbara A. L'Italien, Denise Provost, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Danielle W. Gregoire and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide equal access to evaluations for children with disabilities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 63) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to increase the personal care allowance for long term care residents; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 66) of Kathleen O'Connor Ives and Linda Dean Campbell for legislation relative to the well being of children; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 340) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation relative to the safe care of residents with active substance use disorder accessing skilled nursing facility care; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 342) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Mark C. Montigny, Marjorie C. Decker, James B. Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation to increase the personal care allowance of residents of long-term care facilities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 348) of Patricia D. Jehlen, James B. Eldridge, Kenneth I. Gordon, Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to regulations for small house nursing homes; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 351) of Barbara A. L'Italien, José F. Tosado, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Marjorie C. Decker and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to home care cost sharing; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 601) of Michael J. Barrett, James J. O'Day, Barbara A. L'Italien and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation establishing a commission relative to group purchasing of health insurance for private sector human service workers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 603) of Joseph A. Boncore for legislation relative to equitable provide reimbursement for non-network providers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 604) of Michael D. Brady for legislation to increase MassHealth rates; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 605) of Harriette L. Chandler for legislation relative to physician assistants; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 610) of Julian Cyr, Carmine L. Gentile, Sarah K. Peake, Thomas M. McGee and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure

effective health care cost control; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 611) of Julian Cyr, Sarah K. Peake and Dylan Fernandes for legislation relative to oral health access for MassHealth patients; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 614) of Kenneth J. Donnelly, Kenneth I. Gordon, Daniel M. Donahue, Jonathan Hecht and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote the accessibility, quality and continuity of care for consumers of behavioral health, substance use disorder and mental health services; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 615) of Eileen M. Donoghue, John W. Scibak, Richard J. Ross, Joan B. Lovely and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the governance of the Health Policy Commission; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 616) of James B. Eldridge and Michael J. Barrett for legislation to provide health insurance coverage for cochlear and auditory osseointegrated implants in children; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 618) of James B. Eldridge, Jonathan Hecht and Denise Provost for legislation to establish a public health insurance option; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 619) of James B. Eldridge, Carmine L. Gentile, Barbara A. L'Italien, Jack Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish Medicare for all in Massachusetts; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 620) of Ryan C. Fattman, Richard J. Ross and Paul K. Frost for legislation relative to fiduciary responsibility; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 621) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, James B. Eldridge and Jonathan D. Zlotnik for legislation to reduce prescription drug abuse testing and fraud prevention; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 622) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, James B. Eldridge and Kay Khan for legislation to provide access to patient protection services for all Massachusetts citizens; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 623) of Jennifer L. Flanagan, Thomas J. Calter, Mathew Muratore, Danielle W. Gregoire and other members of the General Court for legislation to address the financial sustainability of the health safety net; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 624) of Jennifer L. Flanagan and James B. Eldridge for legislation to provide equitable access to behavioral health for MassHealth consumers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 625) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation relative to accountable care; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 626) of Linda Dorcena Forry, Jason M. Lewis, Denise Provost and Sal N. DiDomenico for legislation to require MassHealth to make Graduate Medical Education payments; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 627) of Linda Dorcena Forry and Daniel Cullinane for legislation to promote transparency in prescription drug prices; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 628) of Donald F. Humason, Jr. for legislation to provide immediate relief to businesses on health care costs; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 630) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Ruth B. Balser, Jason M. Lewis, Jack Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to preserve affordable health coverage for Massachusetts residents; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 632) of John F. Keenan, James B. Eldridge, Bruce E. Tarr and Thomas M. McGee for legislation relative to hospital closures and health planning; (accompanied

by bill, Senate, No. 634) of Eric P. Lesser, Brian M. Ashe, James B. Eldridge, Marjorie C. Decker and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a state Epinephrine bulk purchase program; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 637) of Jason M. Lewis and Sonia Chang-Diaz for legislation to define modest meals and refreshments in prescriber education settings; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 638) of Jason M. Lewis and William Smitty Pignatelli for legislation to establish a public health option; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 642) of Vincent Larence Dixon for legislation for a minimum hourly health improvement wage; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 644) of Barbara A. L'Italien, Jack Lewis, Michael D. Brady, John J. Lawn, Jr. and other members of the General Court for legislation to benefit the Community Hospital Reinvestment Trust Fund; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 645) of Barbara A. L'Italien for legislation relative to health management and wellness; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 647) of Barbara A. L'Italien, Jason M. Lewis, Jack Lewis, Steven Ultrino and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure continued health insurance coverage for children; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 648) of Joan B. Lovely, Jose F. Tosado, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Mathew Muratore and other members of the General Court relative to providing for a presumptive eligibility program for MassHealth applicants; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 649) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation relative to premium impact statements; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 652) of Mark C. Montigny, Jason M. Lewis, Jose F. Tosado, Diana DiZoglio and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote transparency and prevent price gouging of pharmaceutical drug prices; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 653) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation relative to coverage for chronic illness; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 655) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to ensure timely health care cost reporting; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 656) of Michael O. Moore, Danielle W. Gregoire, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Jack Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to hospital profit and fairness; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 657) of Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to patient centered access to behavioral health services in accountable care organizations; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 659) of Michael J. Rodrigues, Michael F. Rush, Michael D. Brady, Alan Silvia and others for legislation to improve health care cost accountability; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 660) of Michael J. Rodrigues, Michael F. Rush and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to health care non-discrimination; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 661) of Richard J. Ross, William Crocker, Donald F. Humason, Jr. and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to health insurance penalties; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 662) of Bruce E. Tarr and Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to mandatory prescription drug coverage; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 663) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to strengthen the management of the health care connector;

(accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 664) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish a healthcare insurance premium payment pool for working families; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 665) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to shared responsibility for funding of health care oversight agencies; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1087) of Kenneth J. Donnelly, Kenneth I. Gordon, Barbara A. L'Italien, Marjorie C. Decker and others for legislation to provide critical community services; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1088) of Kenneth J. Donnelly, Sean Garballey and James B. Eldridge for legislation to provide more timely treatment of inpatient mental health care; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1111) of Marc R. Pacheco, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Thomas M. Stanley, Jack Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to creating intensive stabilization and treatment units within the Department of Mental Health; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1112) of Marc R. Pacheco, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Thomas M. Stanley, Jack Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to creating a pilot program to transfer high acuity behavioral health and dual diagnosis patients away from overcrowded emergency departments; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1162) of Joseph A. Boncore, Jason M. Lewis and Richard J. Ross for legislation relative to nurse licensure compact in Massachusetts; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1165) of Harriette L. Chandler, Jack Lewis and John W. Scibak for legislation relative to public health dental hygienists; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1166) of Harriette L. Chandler and John W. Scibak for legislation relative to dentistry licensure examinations; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1171) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to protect sports medicine professionals; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1174) of Cynthia S. Creem and Elizabeth A. Malia for legislation to enhance sexual assault evidence kit collection; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1183) of Julian Cyr, Sarah K. Peake, James B. Eldridge, Dylan Fernandes and others for legislation to require pain assessment and management in healthcare facilities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1211) of John F. Keenan, Danielle W. Gregoire, Kate Hogan and James J. O'Day for legislation to review the quality and patient safety of dispensing certain cancer and chronic disease related drugs; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1219) of Jason M. Lewis, Christine P. Barber, Joan B. Lovely, Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation to direct the Department of Public Health to compile data and issue a report on vision screening for children entering kindergarten; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1223) of Barbara A. L'Italien, Marjorie C. Decker, Jason M. Lewis, James M. Cantwell and other members of the General Court for legislation to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1240) of Michael O. Moore, Barbara A. L'Italien, Robert M. Koczera, Colleen M. Garry and other members of the General Court for legislation to authorize pharmacists to perform certain medical procedures;

(accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1256) of Marc R. Pacheco, Angelo L. D'Emilia, Patricia A. Haddad, Michael D. Brady and others for legislation relative to baseline concussion testing for student athletes; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1266) of Michael F. Rush, Richard J. Ross, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Thomas M. Stanley and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to liability protection for disaster volunteers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1367) of James E. Timilty for legislation relative to the Massachusetts Emergency Information Program; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1449) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to health care insurance for surviving spouses; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2118) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Jennifer L. Flanagan for legislation to update postural screening requirements in schools; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2239) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Smitty Pignatelli and Diana DiZoglio for legislation to establish a newborn health and safe sleep pilot program; and the Bills requiring medical exams for certain school bus drivers (Senate, No. 2172); to require health care coverage for the emergency psychiatric services (Senate, No. 2282); and relative to psychotropic medication (Senate, No. 2284), reports the accompanying Order (Senate, No. 2535).

For the committee,  
James T. Welch

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)  
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1           *Ordered, That* the committee on Health Care Financing be authorized and directed to  
2   make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents numbered 31, 44, 58, 63,  
3   66, 340, 342, 348, 351, 601, 603, 604, 605, 610, 611, 614, 615, 616, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622,  
4   623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 630, 632, 634, 637, 638, 642, 644, 645, 647, 648, 649, 652, 653,  
5   655, 656, 657, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 1087, 1088, 1111, 1112, 1162, 1165, 1166,  
6   1171, 1174, 1183, 1211, 1219, 1223, 1240, 1256, 1266, 1367, 1449, 2118, 2172, 2239, 2282 and  
7   2284 relative to financing and delivery of health care.