

**SENATE . . . . . No. 601**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael J. Barrett***

*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 establishing a commission relative to group purchasing of health insurance for private sector human service workers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2017</i>

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (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. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act establishing a commission relative to group purchasing of health insurance for private sector human service workers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           A special commission is hereby established to examine the advisability and proposed  
2 mechanisms to allow vendors that provide human services pursuant to a contract with any  
3 agency within the executive office of health and human services to purchase health insurance  
4 from the group health insurance commission on behalf of their employees who are private sector  
5 human service workers.

6           The members of the commission shall consist of: 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom  
7 shall be appointed by the senate president and shall serve as co-chair, and 1 of whom shall be  
8 appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 2 members of the house of representatives, 1 of  
9 whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives and shall serve as co-  
10 chair, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives;  
11 the secretary of health and human services or a designee; the secretary of administration and

12 finance or a designee; the commissioner of the group insurance commission or a designee; the  
13 commissioner of the division of insurance or a designee; 1 representative from the Massachusetts  
14 Council of Human Service Providers; 1 representative from the Association of Behavioral  
15 Health; 1 representative from the Association of Developmental Disabilities Providers; 1  
16 representative from Health Care For All; 1 representative from the Massachusetts Association of  
17 Health Plans; 1 representative from the Massachusetts Association for Health Underwriters; and  
18 1 representative from SEIU Local 509.

19           The commission shall convene within 90 days of enactment of this act. The  
20 commission's findings and recommendations, together with drafts of legislation or regulations  
21 necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, shall, no later than 12 months after the  
22 commission convenes, be filed with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the  
23 chairs of the senate and house committees on ways and means and the senate and house chairs of  
24 the joint committee on health care financing.