

**SENATE . . . . . No. 611**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Julian Cyr*

*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 oral health access for MassHealth patients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/1/2017</i>

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

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act relative to oral health access for MassHealth patients.

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

1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following section  
2 after section 45C:

3 Section 45D: Provided that the Medicaid dental reimbursement rates set by EOHHS are  
4 not less than 80% of the average dental reimbursement rates, no dentist pursuant to the  
5 provisions in Section 45 shall refuse a patient solely on the basis that services for said patients  
6 are reimbursed by Medicaid. Dentists who deny dental services to MassHealth patients solely  
7 because of MassHealth status shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Massachusetts Board  
8 of Registration in Dentistry.