

**SENATE . . . . . No. 622**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Jennifer L. Flanagan*

*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 to provide access to patient protection for all Massachusetts citizens.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Ms. Flanagan, a petition (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. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 584 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to provide access to patient protection for all Massachusetts citizens.

*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: Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the  
2           contrary, every citizen of Massachusetts shall have access to the standards and procedures  
3           established in Sections 13, 14, 15 and 16 of Chapter 176O. Such standard shall be administered  
4           and enforced by the Office of Patient Protection established by Section 217 of Chapter 111.

5           The Executive Office of Health and Human Services and the Division of Insurance shall  
6           request Waivers from any laws or regulations which impede the effective implementation of this  
7           Act.