

**SENATE . . . . . No. 644**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Barbara A. L'Italien***

*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 benefitting the Community Hospital Reinvestment Trust Fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Adam G. Hinds</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Ms. L'Italien, a petition (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. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act benefitting the Community Hospital Reinvestment Trust Fund.

*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 any special or general law to the contrary, Section  
2 2TTTT of Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition is hereby  
3 amended by inserting at the end of subsection (a) the following:- In order to increase annual  
4 allotments into the Community Hospital Reinvestment Trust Fund, The Secretary shall establish  
5 a new Large Physician Organizations Assessment that proportionally assesses not more than  
6 \$20,000,000 in funds from independent, 501(c)(3) non-profit physician organizations with more  
7 than 500 physician members, provided, that such Large Physician Organizations shall not be  
8 controlled or owned by a licensed acute care hospital or hospital system. Such Large Physician  
9 Organization - whether a Provider Organization or a local practice group as these terms are  
10 utilized by the Center for Health Information and Analysis - shall be considered independent,  
11 however organized, so long as such practice is owned and controlled by one or more of the  
12 physicians in the organization. Each Large Physician Organization subject to this assessment

13 shall be liable for a proportional share of the total annual assessment that is calculated relative to  
14 their annual commercially insured net patient service revenue.

15 Any such non-profit, large physician organization shall be exempt from this assessment if  
16 their percentage of gross charges reimbursed by the state Office of Medicaid is equal to or  
17 greater than 15% of their total charges for that fiscal year.

18 SECTION 2. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall adopt all rules  
19 and regulations necessary to establish the Large Physician Organizations Assessment and to  
20 increase annual appropriations to the Community Hospital Reinvestment Trust Fund, as outlined  
21 above, not later than 90 days after the passage of this Act.