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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 strengthen the management of the health care connector.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*	
Richard J. Ross	*Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex*	*2/28/2017*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 663) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to strengthen the management of the health care connector. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to strengthen the management of the health care connector.

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

SECTION 1. Section 2 of chapter 176Q of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking subsection (b) in its entirety and replacing it with the following:-

(b) There shall be a board, with duties and powers established by this chapter, which shall govern the connector. The connector board shall consist of 13 members: the secretary for administration and finance, or a designee, who shall serve as chairperson; the director of Medicaid or a designee; the commissioner of insurance or a designee; the executive director of the group insurance commission; 6 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a member in good standing of the American Academy of Actuaries, 1 of whom shall be a health economist, 1 of whom shall represent the interests of small businesses, 2 of whom shall be from organizations representing employers, and 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts chapter of the National Association of Health Underwriters; and 3 members appointed by the attorney general, 1 of whom shall be an employee health benefits plan specialist, 1 of whom shall be a representative of a health consumer organization and 1 of whom shall be a representative of

organized labor. No appointee shall be an employee of any licensed carrier authorized to do business in the commonwealth. All appointments shall serve a term of 3 years, but a person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term. An appointed member of the board shall be eligible for reappointment. The board shall annually elect 1 of its members to serve as vice-chairperson.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 176Q, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after section 18 the following two new sections:-

176Q:19 Health Connector Transparency

Section 19. The connector shall be subject to the open meeting law as established under G.L.c. 30A, §§18-25 and subject to public records request as established under G.L.c. 66. A public record for purposes of this section shall include but not be limited to board votes, meeting minutes, financial records, contract, and staff salaries. This information shall also be made publicly available on the website of the connector.

176Q:20 Return on Investment

Section 20. The secretary of administration and finance shall on an annual basis review and evaluate the return on investments made by the connector. Said review and evaluation along with any recommendations shall be filed with the clerks of the house and senate, the house and senate committee on ways, and joint committee on health care financing no later than December 31 annually.