

HOUSE No. 1264

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Finn

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 support disproportionate share hospitals.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Michael J. Finn</i> | <i>6th Hampden</i> | <i>2/5/2021</i> |
| <i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i> | <i>3rd Berkshire</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |
| <i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i> | <i>28th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/26/2021</i> |

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By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1264) of Michael J. Finn, Tricia Farley-Bouvier and Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr., relative to reimbursement rates to disproportionate share hospitals. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act to support disproportionate share hospitals.

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. Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following new section:-

3 Section 13AA. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive
4 office shall include in its reimbursement rates to disproportionate share hospitals as defined
5 under section 8A of chapter 118E an additional 3 percent to its inpatient adjudicated payment
6 amount per discharge and an additional 3 percent to its outpatient adjudicated payment amount
7 per episode of care; provider further, such rate adjustments shall be in addition to any
8 reimbursement rate adjustments for qualified safety net hospitals; provider further, the executive
9 office shall provide a supplemental payment of at least \$15,000,000 for inpatient and outpatient
10 behavioral and mental health services provided by disproportionate share hospitals subject to all
11 required federal approvals and the availability of federal financial participation and shall be
12 prioritized for services provided to children and adolescents.