SENATE . . . . . No. 2693

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
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SENATE, February 14, 2022.

The committee on Financial Services, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 628) of Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to communications between health insurers and patients; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 631) of Harriette L. Chandler for legislation relative to transparency of dental benefits corporations; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 632) of Harriette L. Chandler for legislation relative to financial services contracts for dental benefits corporations; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 633) of Harriette L. Chandler, Kay Khan and Michael O. Moore for legislation to expand insurance options available through the group insurance commission; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 634) of Sonia Chang-Diaz and Natalie M. Higgins for legislation relative to women's health; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 637) of Joanne M. Comerford, Anne M. Gobi, Jack Patrick Lewis, Michael O. Moore and other members of the General Court for legislation to improve the health insurance prior authorization process; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 645) of John Cronin, Michael P. Kushmerek, Meghan Kilcoyne, Susannah M. Whipps and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to medical necessity fairness; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 647) of Julian Cyr for legislation relative to health insurer reserve requirements; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 649) of Julian Cyr and Jason M. Lewis relative to fair access for qualifying patients; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 650) of Julian Cyr for legislation relative to patient cost, benefit and coverage information, choice, and price transparency; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 654) of Sal N. DiDomenico and Elizabeth A. Malia for legislation relative to out-of-pocket expenses for prescription drug coverage; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 659) of David Erekson for legislation relative to a long term care partnership program; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 666) of Paul R. Feeney, Michael J. Barrett, Maria Duaime Robinson and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to limit out of pocket health expenses; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 667) of Paul R. Feeney and Maria Duaime Robinson for legislation relative to group insurance commission procurement; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 669) of Paul R. Feeney for legislation relative to rehabilitation periods for recovering substance abusers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 670) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation to require certain healthcare carriers to share accountability with providers for uncollectible patient obligations after insurance;

(accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 671) of Cindy F. Friedman and Joanne M. Comerford for legislation relative to long-term care insurance consumer protections; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 673) of Cindy F. Friedman, Mike Connolly, Jack Patrick Lewis, Christina A. Minicucci and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure access to full spectrum pregnancy care.; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 679) of Adam Gomez for legislation to ensure prompt access to health care; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 699) of Joan B. Lovely, Michael O. Moore and Elizabeth A. Malia for legislation to increase health insurer reporting transparency; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 707) of Mark C. Montigny and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to enhance oral health through public health dental hygienists; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 708) of Mark C. Montigny and Michael O. Moore for legislation to prohibit unscrupulous medical referral restrictions; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 716) of Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation relative to health insurance penalties; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 728) of Bruce E. Tarr and Hannah Kane for legislation relative to pharmaceutical "gag clauses"; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 729) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to health purchasing cooperatives; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 730) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to mandated benefits; and (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 733) of John C. Velis for legislation relative to unilateral contract changes, reports the accompanying Order (Senate, No. 2693).

For the committee,
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Ordered, That the committee on Financial Services be authorized and directed to make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents numbered 628, 631, 632, 633, 634, 637, 645, 647, 649, 650, 654, 659, 666, 667, 669, 670, 671, 673, 679, 699, 707, 708, 716, 728, 729, 730 and 733 relative to health matters.