

SENATE No. 2800

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

SENATE, March 31, 2022.

The committee on Health Care Financing, to whom was referred the petitions (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 237) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Carol A. Doherty, Patrick Joseph Kearney, Michael D. Brady and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to maintaining independent authority over nursing licensure in the commonwealth; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 739) of Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to MassHealth rates; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 746) of Nick Collins for legislation to administer national standards to Medicaid medical necessity reviews; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 747) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to shared responsibility for health care oversight agencies; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 750) of Joanne M. Comerford, Michael D. Brady, Brendan P. Crighton, Smitty Pignatelli and other members of the General Court for legislation to improve access to dental care in the Commonwealth; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 752) of Brendan P. Crighton and Adam J. Scanlon for legislation relative to the Community Hospital Reinvestment Trust Fund; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 758) of Julian Cyr and Eric P. Lesser for legislation to ensure effective health care cost control; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 764) of Diana DiZoglio for legislation relative to maintenance of certification; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 767) of Ryan C. Fattman for legislation relative to fiduciary responsibility; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 772) of Adam G. Hinds for legislation to provide MassHealth benefits to emergency services personnel; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 775) of John F. Keenan and Elizabeth A. Malia for legislation to provide access to patient protection services for MassHealth consumers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 779) of John F. Keenan for legislation to utilize public health benefits by large employers; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 783) of John F. Keenan, James J. O'Day, Lindsay N. Sabadosa, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure transparency for high-cost hospitals; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 787) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation to establish a public health option; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 796) of Jason M. Lewis for legislation relative to the calculation of reimbursement rates to disproportionate share hospitals; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 797) of Joan B. Lovely and Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to premium impact statements; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 802) of Mark C.

Montigny for legislation to ensure timely health care cost reporting; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 805) of Michael O. Moore, Carol A. Doherty, Michael D. Brady, Harriette L. Chandler and others for legislation relative to hospital profit and fairness; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 810) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation to clarify and enhance privacy protections for electronic health records; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 813) of Michael F. Rush and Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to health care non-discrimination; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 814) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to empower patients and entrepreneurs with real transparency on cost; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 815) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to establish a healthcare insurance premium payment pool for working families; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 816) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to association health plans; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 817) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to ensure protections for physicians & hospitals that contract with Medicaid managed care organizations; (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 819) of John C. Velis for legislation to address the financial sustainability of the Health Safety Net; and (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 820) of John C. Velis for legislation relative to reimbursement rates for mental health beds; and the Senate Bills protecting public health and reducing health care costs (Senate, No. 577); relative to special education health care costs (Senate, No. 641); relative to prescription drug voice synthesizers (Senate, No. 658); providing coverage for hearing aids (Senate, No. 681); to reduce the cost of pharmacy benefits (Senate, No. 684); to help patients and reduce healthcare costs by ensuring patient adherence to medications (Senate, No. 696); relative to pediatric care appointments (Senate, No. 723); relative to an insulin patient assistance program (Senate, No. 2537); the House Bills to ensure the wellbeing of health care professionals (printed as Senate, No. 1479); ensuring access to a resident representative in long-term care facilities (printed as Senate, No. 1482); and relative to smoking cessation agents (printed as Senate, No. 1490), reports the accompanying Order (Senate, No. 2800).

For the committee,
Cindy F. Friedman

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1 *Ordered*, That the committee on Health Care Financing be authorized and directed to
2 make an investigation and study of certain current Senate documents numbered 237, 577, 641,
3 658, 681, 684, 696, 723, 739, 746, 747, 750, 752, 758, 764, 767, 772, 775, 779, 783, 787, 796,
4 797, 802, 805, 810, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 819, 820, 1479, 1482, 1490 and 2537 relative to
5 health care financing.