HOUSE . . . . . No. 5014

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, September 5, 2024.

The committee on Health Care Financing, to whom were referred the Bill allowing spouses to serve as caregivers (Senate, No. 67); the Bill establishing peer-run respite centers throughout the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 1238); the Bill to remove administrative barriers to behavioral health services (Senate, No. 1253); the Bill to expand equitable perinatal mental health services (Senate, No. 1261); the Bill clarifying mandatory overtime protections (House, No. 1867); the Bill clarifying the wage act to protect hospital workers from being deprived of their wages (House, No. 1881); the Bill relative to professional employer organizations (House, No. 1887); the Bill to promote the recruitment and retention of hospital workers (House, No. 1924); the Bill relative to worker compensation protections for certified medical cannabis patients and their caregivers (House, No. 1949); the Bill to expand equitable perinatal mental health services (House, No. 1984); the Bill relative to applied behavioral health clinic rates (House, No. 2006); the Bill to improve access to family physicians (House, No. 2198); the Bill establishing a physical therapy licensure compact (House, No. 2233); the Bill to strengthen the direct care and dementia workforce (House, No. 2245); the Bill authorizing Massachusetts entry into the Interstate Medical Licensure Compact (House, No. 2256); the Bill relative to timely physician licensure (House, No. 2268); the Bill establishing the psychology interjurisdictional compact (House, No. 2986); the Bill establishing peer-run respite centers throughout the Commonwealth (House, No. 3602); the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 757) of John F. Keenan, John J. Cronin, Rodney M. Elliott, Joanne M. Comerford and other members of the General Court for legislation to promote workforce development and provider retention at community health centers; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 760) of John F. Keenan and Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to behavioral health clinic rates; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 775) of Joan B. Lovely, Robyn K. Kennedy, Mathew J. Muratore, Michael D. Brady and

other members of the General Court for legislation relative to family members serving as caregivers; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 795) of Patrick M. O'Connor, Paul R. Feeney and James B. Eldridge for legislation to maintain independent authority over nursing licensure in the commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 808) of Bruce E. Tarr and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to spouses as caregivers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1184) of Marjorie C. Decker for legislation to assure coverage and reimbursement for covered health care services and to establish a community health worker workforce development task force (including members of the General Court) to provide health equity; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1193) of Denise C. Garlick and others relative to maintaining independent authority over nursing licensure in the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1210) of Mary S. Keefe and others for legislation to establish a community health center nurse practitioner residency program for the purposes of recruiting and retaining nurse practitioners at community health centers; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1232) of James J. O'Day and others relative to family members serving as caregivers, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5014) ought to be adopted [Senator O'Connor dissents].

For the committee,

JOHN J. LAWN, JR.

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Ordered, That the committee on Health Care Financing be authorized to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of Senate documents numbered 67, 757, 760, 775, 795, 808, 1238, 1253 and 1261 and House documents numbered 1184, 1193, 1210, 1232, 1867, 1881, 1887, 1924, 1949, 1984, 2006, 2198, 2233, 2245, 2256, 2268, 2986 and 3602, relative to perinatal mental health, physical therapy and other health care financing issues.

Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2024.