

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1191**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Brandy Fluker Oakley***

*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 relating to hospital bad debts, claims denials and prompt payments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Brandy Fluker Oakley</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/19/2023</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>

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By Representative Fluker Oakley of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1191) of Brandy Fluker Oakley, Bud L. Williams and Patrick Joseph Kearney relative to hospital bad debt claims denials and prompt payments collected by the Center for Health Information and Analysis. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relating to hospital bad debts, claims denials and prompt payments.

*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. Section 8(a) of Chapter 12C of the General Laws is amended by adding the  
2 following sentence after the first sentence thereof:

3           The center shall collect from each hospital its annual bad debt in total and broken down  
4 by the payer that insured the patient, including all commercial payers, government payers, and  
5 bad debt arising from services rendered to self-pay and uninsured patients; the claim denial rate  
6 by each commercial and government payer along with the annual dollar value of denied claims  
7 by payer; and an aged accounts receivable report by payer, and the center shall publish an annual  
8 report disclosing such data by hospital.