

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3588**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Todd M. Smola***

*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 relative to MassHealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Smola of Warren, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3588) of Todd M. Smola for legislation to further regulate health care payments to nursing facilities. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act relative to MassHealth.

*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 13C of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following  
3 paragraph:-

4           The executive office shall not subject a nursing facility, as defined in 101 CMR 206.02,  
5 to a downward adjustment of its health care payments based on the failure of the facility to meet  
6 a specified number of hours per patient per day.

7           SECTION 2. The executive office of health and human services shall promulgate or  
8 amend any regulations necessary to implement this act.