

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1385**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Joanne M. Comerford***

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*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 expanding loan repayment assistance for primary care physicians.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Joanne M. Comerford*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester*

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By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1385) of Joanne M. Comerford for legislation to expand loan repayment assistance for primary care physicians. Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act expanding loan repayment assistance for primary care physicians.

*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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, primary care  
2 physicians shall be eligible for the loan repayment assistance program established in item 1599-  
3 2026 of chapter 102 of the Acts of 2021, provided that primary care physicians shall include, but  
4 not be limited to, family physicians, internal medicine physicians, pediatricians, obstetricians and  
5 gynecologists; and provided further, that to be eligible for loan forgiveness, primary care  
6 physicians shall:

7           (a) work in a practice setting with a significant public payor patient population as  
8 determined by the department of public health;

9           (b) have outstanding educational debt;

10          (c) not participate in any other loan repayment program; and

11 (d) be required to enter into a contract with the commonwealth for not less than 4 years;  
12 provided further, that the amounts of assistance per individual shall be pro-rated for individuals  
13 working on a part-time basis.

14 SECTION 2. The executive office of health and human services shall promulgate  
15 regulations to implement the provisions of section 1 of this act no later than 3 months after the  
16 effective date of this act.