

# SENATE . . . . . No. 864

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Barry R. Finegold***

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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 limiting excessive growth in the operating budgets of health care oversight agencies.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Barry R. Finegold*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 864) of Barry R. Finegold for legislation relative to the operating budgets of health care oversight agencies. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 746 OF 2023-2024.]

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)  
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An Act limiting excessive growth in the operating budgets of health care oversight agencies.

*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 6 of chapter 6D of the General Laws, as amended by section 14 of  
2 chapter 343 of the Acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:-

3           (g) The total assessed amount for acute hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, non-  
4 hospital provider organizations, pharmaceutical manufacturing companies, pharmacy benefit  
5 managers and surcharge payors shall not increase from the previous year at a rate greater than the  
6 health care cost growth benchmark approved by the commission pursuant to section 9 for the  
7 same year.

8           SECTION 2. Section 7 of chapter 12C of the General Laws, as amended by section 21 of  
9 chapter 342 of the Acts of 2024, is hereby further amended by adding the following subsection:-

10           (g) The total assessed amount for acute hospitals, ambulatory surgical centers, non-  
11 hospital provider organizations, pharmaceutical manufacturing companies, pharmacy benefit  
12 managers and surcharge payors shall not increase from the previous year at a rate greater than the  
13 health care cost growth benchmark approved by the health policy commission pursuant to  
14 section 9 of chapter 6D for the same year.