

**SENATE . . . . . No. 896**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Michael O. Moore***

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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 to prohibit inappropriate use of the health care cost growth benchmark.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael O. Moore*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Worcester*

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 896) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to prohibit inappropriate use of the health care cost growth benchmark. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 788 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to prohibit inappropriate use of the health care cost growth benchmark.

*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 9A of chapter 176O of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after clause (e), in line 32, the following clause:-

3           (f) limits the ability of the health care provider to negotiate a rate increase with a carrier  
4 that exceeds the health care cost growth benchmark as established in Chapter 6D of section 9 of  
5 the general laws.