

HOUSE No. 550

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Demetrius J. Atsalis

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 creating a community hospital in-patient psychiatric relief program (“chipp”).

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Demetrius J. Atsalis

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

2nd Barnstable

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By Mr. Atsalis of Barnstable, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 550) of Demetrius J. Atsalis relative to creating a community hospital in-patient psychiatric relief program. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1923 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act creating a community hospital in-patient psychiatric relief program (“chipp”).

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, there shall be
2 established a program called the Community Hospital In-Patient Psychiatric Relief Program
3 (“CHIPP”) to provide annual additional funding from the Executive Office of Health and Human
4 Services, MassHealth Office, to community hospitals that provide inpatient psychiatric services
5 to individuals enrolled in the MassHealth program. The eligibility criteria for community
6 hospitals to receive funding from the CHIPP program shall be based on hospital cost reports on
7 file with the Commonwealth’s Division of Health Care finance and Policy (the “Division”) for
8 the prior Fiscal Year. To be eligible for funding from the CHIPP program, community hospitals
9 must have in-patient psychiatric units that have negative operating margins for their inpatient
10 psychiatric cost center, adjusted to exclude any grants awarded from the Essential Community
11 Provider Trust Fund. Community hospitals may petition the Division within 90 days from the

12 close of each hospital Fiscal Year, for a determination of eligibility for funding from the CHIPP
13 program, and, if eligible, for an increase in in-patient psychiatric rates of up to 100% of cost.
14 Hospitals that receive funding from the CHIPP program shall maintain records of amounts
15 received from the program and of expenditures made from such funds, and shall make such
16 records available for inspection upon request by the Division.