

**JOINT COMMITTEE ON FINANCIAL SERVICES
2025-2026 (194th) BILL SUMMARY**

Bill No: H1142

Title: AN ACT TO PROMOTE INCREASED ACCESS TO PATIENT CARE THROUGH
EQUITABLE REIMBURSEMENT

Sponsor: Rep. Paul J. Donato (*Medford*)

Hearing Date: July 15, 2025

Reporting Deadline: August 13, 2025

Prior History: None

Similar Matters: S783 (*Lovely – Identical*)

CURRENT LAW:

M.G.L. c. 32A Contributory Group General or Blanket Insurance for Persons in the Service of the Commonwealth (Group Insurance Commission)

M.G.L. c. 112 Registration of Certain Professions and Occupations § 80B Nursing practice; advanced practice; licensed practical nurses

M.G.L. c. 118E Division of Medical Assistance (MassHealth) § 6 Medical care advisory committee; member; staff; report from office of Medicaid

There shall be a medical care advisory committee which shall advise the executive office about health and medical care services. The committee shall have the opportunity to participate in policy development and program administration. The secretary of health and human services shall appoint members to the advisory committee on a rotating and continuous basis in such numbers and for such terms as the secretary of health and human services deems appropriate; provided that the committee shall include board-certified physicians and other representatives of the health professions who are familiar with the medical needs of low-income population groups.

M.G.L. c. 175 Insurance

M.G.L. c. 176A Non-Profit Hospital Service Corporations (Blue Cross of Massachusetts)

M.G.L. c. 176B Medical Service Corporations (Blue Shield of Massachusetts)

M.G.L. c. 176G Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs)

M.G.L. c. 176I Preferred Provider Arrangements (PPOs)

SUMMARY:

This bill would apply to all Group Insurance Commission, MassHealth, and commercial health insurance policies.

The bill would eliminate any distinction for the purposes of participation, coverage, and payment, between physicians and certified registered nurse anesthetists, with an exception for varying reimbursement rates based on quality or performance measures so long as such measures are the same for both groups. Reducing the reimbursement amount paid to physicians to comply with these provisions would be prohibited. The bill would the National Provider Identifier of the physician or certified registered nurse anesthetist who provided the service is identified in a claim for reimbursement.

The bill would include certified registered nurse anesthetists on the medical care advisory committee that advises the executive office about health and medical care services.