

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1023**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Linda Dorcena Forry*

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to protect health care reform funding.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Carlo Basile</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>

<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Thomas P. Conroy</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>

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By Ms. Forry of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1023) of Linda Dorcena Forry and others for legislation to establish a Medicaid and health care reform trust fund. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to protect health care reform funding.

*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. Chapter 29 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 2GGGG the following section: --

3 Section 2HHHH. There shall be established and set up on the books of the  
4 commonwealth as a separate fund to be known as the Medicaid and Health Care Reform FMAP  
5 Trust Fund. The fund shall consist of any funds that may be appropriated or transferred for  
6 deposit into the trust fund, interest earned on such revenues, and other sources. The comptroller  
7 shall deposit an amount to the fund determined by secretary of administration and finance that is  
8 equivalent to the additional Medicaid and Children’s Health Insurance Program funding  
9 provided by the federal government pursuant to the increased federal Medicaid assistance  
10 percentage pursuant to the Sections 2001 and 2101 of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care  
11 Act of 2010 and as further addressed in Section 1201 of the Health Care and Education  
12 Reconciliation Act of 2010. The fund shall be used for the following purposes: (1) to support the  
13 financing of health insurance coverage for low-income Massachusetts residents, including  
14 MassHealth, other state health insurance programs and insurance offered through the  
15 commonwealth’s health insurance exchange and (2) to improve Medicaid reimbursement to  
16 health care providers. The secretary of administration and finance shall administer the fund and  
17 approve requests for the transfer of funds to other state accounts in a manner consistent with the  
18 recommendations of the House and Senate Ways and Means Committee and the Joint Committee  
19 on Healthcare Financing. No later than January 31 of each year, the secretary, in consultation  
20 with the executive office of health and human services, the commonwealth health insurance  
21 connector authority, healthcare providers participating in the Medicaid program, and consumer  
22 representatives, shall submit a report to the house and senate ways and means committees and

23 the joint committee on health care financing that includes the current funding available in the  
24 fund, the funding estimated to be deposited through the end of the current and subsequent fiscal  
25 year, estimated expenditures from the fund, and recommendations for transferring such funds to  
26 other state accounts and funds in a manner consistent with the purpose of the fund.