

HOUSE No. 1282

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 relative to certificate of need laws.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/24/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>4/7/2021</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1282) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study the costs and benefits that existing certificate of need laws impose on the Commonwealth's healthcare system. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to certificate of need laws.

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 is hereby
2 established a commission to study and provide recommendations on the effectiveness of
3 certificate of need laws in the commonwealth.

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5 The commission shall consist of 13 members: the chairs of the house and senate
6 committees on ways and means, or their respective designees; the house and senate chairs of the
7 joint committee on health care financing; one member to be appointed by the senate minority
8 leader; one member to be appointed by the house minority leader; the Executive Director of the
9 Center for Health Information and analysis, or a designee; the Director of the Health Policy
10 Commission, or a designee; The Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, or a

11 designee; two members to be appointed by the secretary of the executive office of health and
12 human services; and two members to be appointed by the governor.

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14 The commission shall examine the costs and benefits that existing certificate of need laws
15 impose on the commonwealth's healthcare system. Factors to be considered include, but are not
16 limited to: access to healthcare, such as the number of hospitals per capita, the number of
17 hospital beds per capita, the number of dialysis clinics, and the number of ambulatory surgical
18 centers; quality of healthcare services received, such as mortality rate following heart attacks,
19 heart failure, and pneumonia, as well as the number of post-surgery complications; and the cost
20 of healthcare services, such as the cost per medical procedure, and healthcare spending per
21 patient.

22 The commission shall submit its report and findings, along with any recommendations
23 and drafted legislation and regulations, to the house and senate committees on ways and means,
24 the joint committee on health care financing, and the clerks of the house of representatives and
25 senate within 12 months of the passage of this act.