

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1923**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Marjorie C. Decker*

*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 conform private with public subrogation policy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1923) of Marjorie C. Decker and others for legislation to prevent medical bills from eroding an injury victim's compensation received through a settlement or court award. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to conform private with public subrogation policy.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following Section  
2 70D : Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 70A through 70D of this Chapter, and  
3 notwithstanding any contractual term to the contrary, no health maintenance organization or  
4 group or individual medical insurer or disability insurer which has provided benefits for covered  
5 services to a person insured in an accident shall have a lien or right of reimbursement or  
6 subrogation claim or claims of recoupment no matter how designated upon any recovery or sum  
7 had or collected or to be collected, whether by judgment or by settlement or compromise from  
8 another person as damages on account of such injuries, for more than the proportionate share of  
9 said recovery or sum subject to its lien, right or reimbursement, subrogation claim or claims of  
10 recoupment which the amount of benefits so provided for covered services bears to the complete  
11 value of the injured persons tort damages. Either the entity which provided benefits or the injured  
12 person may petition the court in which the accident case is pending, or in a court in which such  
13 case could be properly filed had settlement not been attained before commencement of suit, for a

14 determination of the reasonableness of the settlement and the fair allocation of amounts payable  
15 thereunder. A hearing on such petition shall adhere to the same procedural requirement as are  
16 provided in Section 15 of chapter 152 of the General Laws.