

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3470**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Daniel J. Hunt*

*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 patient cost share disclosure and transparency.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Daniel J. Hunt*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*13th Suffolk*

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By Mr. Hunt of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3470) of Daniel J. Hunt relative to patient cost share disclosure and transparency. Public Health.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act relative to patient cost share disclosure and transparency.

*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 176O of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

2 Section 28. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, a health care  
3 provider licensed to practice in the commonwealth shall, prior to performing any non-emergency  
4 medical procedure or writing any prescription for which the complete costs will not be covered  
5 by a patient’s insurance, ensure that an estimate of the amount of costs to be passed on to the  
6 patient are provided to the patient in writing. The estimate shall be no more than 15 per cent  
7 greater or lesser than the final billable costs to the patient and shall include, but shall not be  
8 limited to, a disclosure of all contracted fees, predetermined fees and co-pay amounts.

9 The department of public health, in consultation with the commonwealth health insurance  
10 connector, shall issue regulations to implement this section.