

HOUSE No. 3571

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ronald Mariano

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 out-of-network billing.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ronald Mariano

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

3rd Norfolk

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By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3571) of Ronald Mariano for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) on consumer protection in health insurance. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to out-of-network billing.

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

1 There shall be established, pursuant to section 2A of chapter 4 of the General Laws, a
2 special legislative commission to be known as the Special Legislative Commission on Consumer
3 Protection in Health Insurance, hereinafter the commission. The commission shall consist of the
4 following 7 members: 1 member of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the
5 house of representatives, who shall serve as co-chair; 1 member of the senate appointed by the
6 president of the senate, who shall serve as co-chair; the governor, or his designee; the attorney
7 general, or her designee; and 3 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a
8 representative of the Massachusetts Hospital Association; 1 of whom shall be a representative of
9 the Massachusetts Medical Society; and 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Health Policy
10 Commission

11 The commission shall conduct an investigation and study of the factors, causes and
12 impact of consumer protection for health insurance purposes as defined in chapter 176O of the
13 General Laws.

14 The commission shall submit its initial findings, together with recommendations for
15 legislation, if any, to the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the chairs of the
16 house and senate committees on ways and means and the chairs of the joint committee on
17 healthcare financing not later than January 1, 2019.