

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1235**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

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*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 prevent unscrupulous medical debt recovery practices.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Mark C. Montigny*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1235) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to protect hospital and community health center patients. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1190 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act to prevent unscrupulous medical debt recovery practices.

*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 235 of the general is hereby amended by adding the following new section after  
2 section 34A:-

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4 Section 34B. The department of public health shall adopt regulations prohibiting a  
5 hospital or community health center or an agent of a hospital or community health center from  
6 seeking legal execution against the personal residence up to the statutory amount provided for in  
7 chapter 188 of the general laws, irrespective of whether a patient or a guarantor for a patient has  
8 recorded a declaration of homestead, or the primary motor vehicle of a patient or a guarantor for  
9 a patient.