

SENATE No. 00533

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. Moore

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to equitable funding for the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Richard T. Moore

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Norfolk

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By Mr. Moore, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 533) of Moore for legislation relative to equitable funding for the division of health care finance and policy [Joint Committee on Health Care Financing].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
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, NO. 556 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to equitable funding for the Division of Health Care Finance and 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 SECTION 1: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the annual
2 assessment that is applied to each acute care hospital to fund the operations of the Division of
3 Health Care Finance and Policy, pursuant to section 5 of Chapter 118G of the General laws shall
4 not exceed each hospital's total annual amount that was assessed and collected by the Division in
5 state fiscal year 2011.

6 SECTION 2: The Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall prepare a
7 report which sets forth recommendations for the establishment of new funding options to support
8 the operations of the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy, pursuant to section 5 of
9 chapter 118G of the General Laws. The recommendations shall take into consideration the

10 expanded role, responsibility and scope of work undertaken by the Division of Health Care
11 Finance and Policy since the development of the current formula. The report shall include a
12 specific recommendation (i) for reducing the expenses of the Division through added economies
13 and efficiencies of operation and elimination of lower priority functions and activities, and (ii)
14 for funding sources that more accurately reflects the current role of the Division and minimizes
15 the expense to the hospital community. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services
16 shall be directed to deliver its report and recommendations to the House and Senate Committees
17 on Ways and Means and the Joint Committee on Health Care Financing by December 1, 2011.