

SENATE No. 564

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Barrett

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 establishing a commission relative to group purchasing of health insurance for private sector human service workers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 564) of Michael J. Barrett, Mary S. Keefe, Jason M. Lewis, John W. Scibak and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a commission relative to group purchasing of health insurance for private sector human service workers. Health Care Financing.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act establishing a commission relative to group purchasing of health insurance for private sector human service workers.

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

1 A special commission is hereby established to examine the advisability and proposed
2 mechanisms to allow vendors that provide human services pursuant to a contract with any
3 agency within the executive office of health and human services to purchase health insurance
4 from the group health insurance commission on behalf of their employees who are private sector
5 human service workers.

6 The members of the commission shall be appointed for a term of 2 years and shall consist
7 of: 2 members of the senate, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the senate president and shall
8 serve as co-chair, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader of the senate; 2
9 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the
10 house of representatives and shall serve as co-chair, and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the
11 minority leader of the house of representatives; the secretary of health and human services or a

12 designee; the secretary of administration and finance or a designee; the commissioner of the
13 group insurance commission or a designee; the commissioner of the division of insurance or a
14 designee; 1 representative from the Massachusetts Council of Human Service Providers; 1
15 representative from the Association of Behavioral Health; 1 representative from the Association
16 of Developmental Disabilities Providers; 1 representative from Health Care For All; 1
17 representative from the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans; 1 representative from the
18 Massachusetts Association for Health Underwriters; and 1 representative from SEIU Local 509.

19 The commission's findings and recommendations, together with drafts of legislation or
20 regulations necessary to carry those recommendations into effect, shall, no later than 12 months
21 after the commission convenes, be filed with the clerks of the senate and house of
22 representatives, the chairs of the senate and house committees on ways and means and the senate
23 and house chairs of the joint committee on health care financing.