

SENATE No. 655

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark C. Montigny

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 ensure timely health care cost reporting.

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. 655) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to ensure timely health care cost reporting. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to ensure timely health care cost reporting.

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. Section 11 of chapter 12C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth and fifth sentences and inserting in
3 place thereof the following 3 sentences:-

4 The center shall assess a penalty against a private payer, provider or provider
5 organization that fails, without just cause, to provide the requested information within 2 weeks
6 following receipt of the written notice required under this paragraph, of up to \$5,000 per week
7 for each week of delay after the 2 week period following the private payer's, provider's or
8 provider organization's receipt of the written notice; provided, however, that the maximum
9 annual penalty against a private payer, provider or provider organization under this section shall
10 be \$200,000. An amount collected under this section shall be deposited in the Healthcare
11 Payment Reform Fund established by section 100 of chapter 194 of the acts of 2011.

12 The center may promulgate regulations to define “just cause” for the purposes of this
13 section.