

HOUSE No. 1030

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John W. Scibak

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 grants program to increase dental services to Medicaid eligible patients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Benjamin B. Downing</i>	<i>Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1030) of John W. Scibak and others relative to establishing a grants program to increase dental services to Medicaid eligible patients. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act establishing a grants program to increase dental services to Medicaid eligible patients.

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 at law to the contrary, the Massachusetts an appropriation
2 of not less than \$750,000 to be awarded as grants on a competitive basis, with not more than
3 \$250,000 appropriated in any one service area, to fund the costs associated with establishing
4 provider services to non-profit dental providers who can document that over 50% of their
5 patients served are Mass Health or Medicaid eligible. These grants may be renewable given
6 certain service goals as established by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.