

HOUSE No. 1053

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tom Sannicandro

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 to ensure effective health care cost control.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>

<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>John P. Fresolo</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>

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By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1053) of Tom Sannicandro and others for legislation to compare cost savings under existing cost control laws to cost savings that could be achieved under a single payer health care system. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to ensure effective health care cost control.

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 of Chapter 12C of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the
2 definition of “Self-insured group” the following definitions:-

3 “Single payer benchmark”, the estimated total costs of providing health care to all
4 residents of Massachusetts under a single payer health care system in the previous year, as
5 established in section 23.

6 “Single payer health care”, a system providing publicly financed, universal access to
7 health care for the population through a unified public health care plan, simplifying
8 administration and allowing the budgeting of health care spending.

9 Chapter 12C of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 22 the
10 following:-

11 Section 23. (a) The center shall monitor, review, and evaluate reports related to single
12 payer health care; provided, however, that the center shall also monitor the performance of single
13 payer health care systems in other states and countries. (b) The center shall establish a single
14 payer benchmark that shall be an estimate of the total cost of providing health care to all
15 residents of Massachusetts under a single payer health care system during the previous year,
16 provided that the single payer health care system offers continuous, comprehensive, affordable
17 coverage for all Massachusetts residents regardless of income, assets, health status, or
18 availability of other health coverage. (c) The center shall include in its annual report, as
19 mandated by section 16 (a), a comparison of the single payer benchmark with the actual health

20 care spending in the state for the previous year, indicating whether the state would have saved
21 money while expanding access to care under a single payer health care system.

22 Chapter 6D of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 18 the
23 following:-

24 Section 19. If at the outset of fiscal year 2016 the board determines that the single payer
25 benchmark, as calculated by the Center for Health Information and Analysis under Section 23 of
26 Chapter 12C, has outperformed the actual total health care spending and spending growth in the
27 state, the commission shall, no later than June 30, 2017, submit a “Single Payer Health Care
28 Implementation Plan” to the Legislature for consideration. The Implementation Plan will be
29 developed after holding public hearings and meetings across the state, and will consist of
30 legislation to implement a single payer health care system for Massachusetts, as defined in
31 Section 1 of Chapter 12C, and that offers continuous, comprehensive, affordable coverage for all
32 Massachusetts residents regardless of income, assets, health status, or availability of other health
33 coverage.