

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1136**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.***

*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 relative to establishing a commission to investigate fraudulent abuse of MassHealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1136) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the billing practices between contracted health care providers and MassHealth. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2981 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court  
(2019-2020)**  
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An Act relative to establishing a commission to investigate fraudulent abuse of MassHealth.

*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, there shall be a  
2 special commission to investigate the billing practices between contracted health care providers  
3 and MassHealth.

4           The commission shall include, but not be limited to, the study of savings that would  
5 result in addressing fraudulent practices such as falsely billing for services not rendered or  
6 double billing.

7           The commission shall consist of 6 members including the co-chairs of the Joint  
8 Committee on Health Care Financing, or their designees; 1 representative of the MassHealth  
9 Fraud Division of the Attorney General’s Office; the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health

10 and Human Services, or a designee; Director of MassHealth or a designee; and the  
11 Commissioner of Insurance, or a designee

12           The commission shall convene its first meeting no later than 60 days after the effective  
13 date of this act and shall submit its report, along with any recommendations for legislative or  
14 regulatory reforms, not later than 1 year after the commission is convened with the clerks of the  
15 house of representatives and the senate.

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