

HOUSE No. 2985

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael J. Finn

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 ensuring accuracy in health care financial reports.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Finn of West Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2985) of Michael J. Finn, Jose F. Tosado and Gerard Cassidy relative to health care financial reports. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act ensuring accuracy in health care financial reports.

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 1 of chapter 12C of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after the definition of “Hospital service corporation” the following
3 definition:--

4 “Limited services clinic”, a clinic that provides limited services as defined by section 51J
5 of chapter 111.

6 SECTION 2. Section 1 of said chapter 12C is hereby further amended by adding the
7 following definitions:--

8 “Urgent Care”, a model of episodic care delivery that is primarily the immediate
9 diagnosis, treatment, management or monitoring of acute and chronic disease, generally provided
10 on a walk-in basis, and not intended as the patient’s primary care provider.

11 “Urgent care clinic”, a clinic that provides urgent care as defined by this section.

12 SECTION 3. Subsection (a) of section 8 of chapter 12C of the General Laws, as
13 appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the second sentence
14 and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-

15 Such uniform reporting shall enable the center to identify, on a patient-centered and
16 provider-specific basis, statewide and regional trends in the cost, price, availability, utilization,
17 and public payer mix of medical, surgical, diagnostic and ancillary services provided by acute
18 hospitals, nursing homes, chronic care and rehabilitation hospitals, other specialty hospitals,
19 clinics, including mental health clinics, ambulatory surgical centers, urgent care clinics, limited
20 service clinics, and other ambulatory care providers as the center may specify.

21 SECTION 4. The second paragraph of subsection (c) of said section 8 of chapter 12C, as
22 so appearing, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-

23 In analyzing and publishing acute hospital financial information, the center shall take
24 into account the overall financial condition of the health system of which the acute care hospital
25 is a part.