

HOUSE No. 967

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer E. Benson

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 protect healthcare reform funding.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Jonathan D. Zlotnik</i>	<i>2nd Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 967) of Jennifer E. Benson and others for legislation relative to the establishment of a Medicaid and health care reform FMAP trust fund. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act to protect healthcare reform funding.

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
2 established and set up on the books of the commonwealth as a separate fund to be known as the
3 Medicaid and Health Care Reform FMAP Trust Fund. The fund shall consist of any funds that
4 may be appropriated or transferred for deposit into the trust fund, interest earned on such
5 revenues, and other sources. The comptroller shall deposit an amount to the fund determined by
6 secretary of administration and finance that is equivalent to the additional Medicaid and
7 Children’s Health Insurance Program funding provided by the federal government pursuant to
8 the increased federal Medicaid assistance percentage pursuant to the Sections 2001 and 2101 of
9 the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 and as further addressed in Section 1201
10 of the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010. The fund shall be used for the
11 following purposes: (1) to support the financing of health insurance coverage for low-income
12 Massachusetts residents, including MassHealth, other state health insurance programs and
13 insurance offered through the commonwealth’s health insurance exchange and (2) to improve

14 Medicaid reimbursement to health care providers. The secretary of administration and finance
15 shall administer the fund. No later than January 31 of each year, the secretary, after consultation
16 with the executive office of health and human services, the commonwealth health insurance
17 connector authority, healthcare providers participating in the Medicaid program, and consumer
18 representatives, shall submit a report, which shall be publicly available, to the house and senate
19 ways and means committees and the joint committee on health care financing that includes the
20 current funding available in the fund, the funding estimated to be deposited through the end of
21 the current and subsequent fiscal year, estimated expenditures from the fund, and
22 recommendations for transferring such funds to other state accounts and funds in a manner
23 consistent with the purpose of the fund.