

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00505**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Jennifer L. Flanagan*

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*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 provide access to patient protection services for all Massachusetts citizens.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan C. Fargo</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Flanagan, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 505) of Fargo, Benson and Flanagan for legislation to provide access to patient protection services for all Massachusetts citizens [Joint Committee on Health Care Financing].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to provide access to patient protection services for all Massachusetts citizens.

*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 the provision of any general or special law to the contrary,  
2 every citizen of Massachusetts shall have access to the standards and procedures established  
3 under Sections 13, 14, 15, and 16 of Chapter 176O. Such standards shall be administered and  
4 enforced by the Office of Patient Protection established by Section 217 of Chapter 111.

5           The Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall request Waivers from any  
6 federal laws or regulations which impede the effective implementation of this Act.