

SENATE No. 611

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Julian Cyr

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 oral health access for MassHealth patients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Dylan Fernandes</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>

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By Mr. Cyr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 611) of Julian Cyr, Sarah K. Peake and Dylan Fernandes for legislation relative to oral health access for MassHealth patients. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act relative to oral health access for MassHealth patients.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 112 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following section
2 after section 45C:

3 Section 45D: Provided that the Medicaid dental reimbursement rates set by EOHHS are
4 not less than 80% of the average dental reimbursement rates, no dentist pursuant to the
5 provisions in Section 45 shall refuse a patient solely on the basis that services for said patients
6 are reimbursed by Medicaid. Dentists who deny dental services to MassHealth patients solely
7 because of MassHealth status shall be subject to disciplinary action by the Massachusetts Board
8 of Registration in Dentistry.