

SENATE No. 648

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel A. Wolf

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 Sole community providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Daniel A. Wolf

Timothy R. Madden

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Cape and Islands

Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket

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By Mr. Wolf, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 648) of Daniel A. Wolf and Timothy R. Madden for legislation relative to Sole community providers. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to Sole community providers.

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 8A of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking the definition of “Sole community provider” and
3 inserting in place thereof the following:-

4 “Sole community provider”, any acute hospital which qualifies as a sole community
5 provider under Medicare regulations or under regulations promulgated by the executive office.
6 Those regulations shall consider factors including, but not limited to, isolated location, weather
7 conditions, travel conditions, percentage of Medicare, Medicaid and free care provided and the
8 absence of other reasonably accessible hospitals in the area; provided, that such hospitals shall
9 include those which are located more than 20 miles driving distance from other such hospitals in
10 the commonwealth and which provide services for at least 60 per cent of their primary service
11 area.