

SENATE No. 723

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Nick Collins

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 hospital bad debts, claim denials and prompt payments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Nick Collins

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Suffolk

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By Mr. Collins, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 723) of Nick Collins for legislation relative to hospital bad debts, claim denials and prompt payments. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)**

An Act relative to hospital bad debts, claim denials and prompt payments.

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 8(a) of Chapter 12C of the General Laws is amended by adding the following
2 sentence after the first sentence thereof:

3 The center shall collect from each hospital its annual bad debt in total and broken down
4 by the payer that insured the patient (including all commercial payers, government payers, and
5 bad debt arising from services rendered to self-pay / uninsured patients); the claim denial rate by
6 each commercial and government payer along with the annual dollar value of denied claims by
7 payer; and an aged accounts receivable report by payer, and the center shall publish an annual
8 report disclosing such data by hospital.