

HOUSE No. 1961

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise C. Garlick

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 benefit the Health Safety Net Trust Fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>

<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Byron Rushing</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>John J. Mahoney</i>	<i>13th Worcester</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Garlick of Needham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1961) of Denise C. Garlick and others for legislation to benefit the Health Safety Net Trust Fund. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to benefit the Health Safety Net Trust Fund.

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. The Center for Health Information and Analysis shall amend the Health
2 Safety Net Payments and Funding regulations (114.6 CMR 14.00) in order to increase the
3 revenue available for provider payments and to reduce the Health Safety Net fund’s shortfall
4 amount. Such amendment shall:

5 a) Establish a new Large Physician Organizations Assessment that creates a \$20,000,000
6 annual liability for independent physician organizations with more than 500 physician members
7 that is not a corporate affiliate of or otherwise controlled by a licensed acute care hospital. A
8 physician organization - whether a parent physician group or a local practice group as defined by
9 the Center for Health Information and Analysis - shall be considered independent, however
10 organized, so long as such practice is owned and controlled by one or more of the practitioners
11 so associated. Such independent physician organizations shall be exempt from liability for this
12 new assessment if their percentage of gross billed charges for services reimbursed by the state

13 Office of Medicaid is equal to or greater than 15% of their total gross billed charges for that
14 fiscal year.

15 b) Ensure that such Large Physician Organizations who contribute to the Health Safety
16 Net under subsection (a) are reimbursed for uncompensated care in a manner consistent with
17 payments made to hospitals and community health centers under 114.6 CMR 14.00, the
18 Massachusetts Section 1115 Demonstration Waiver governing safety net care, or any other
19 federally required limit on payments under 42 U.S.C.1396a(a)(13) or 42 CFR 447.