

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 984**

By Mr. Kennedy of Brockton, petition of Thomas P. Kennedy relative to health insurance payments for nursing home workers. Financial Services.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HEALTH INSURANCE PAYMENTS FOR NURSING HOME WORKERS.

*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 7 of Chapter 118G of the General Laws as appearing in  
2 the 2004 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding the following  
3 paragraph:—

4 In setting rates of reimbursement for nursing homes effective July  
5 1, 2007 and each rate year thereafter, the division shall exclude each  
6 nursing home’s health insurance costs from calculations of nursing  
7 costs, other operating costs or any successor designations applicable  
8 to said cost categories, and shall reimburse each nursing home’s  
9 health insurance costs through a facility-specific health insurance  
10 cost add-on calculated by dividing the nursing home’s certified pro-  
11 jection of actual health insurance costs for the rate year ending June  
12 30 by the nursing home’s actual patient days in the preceding rate  
13 year ending June 30. Within thirty days following the conclusion of  
14 a rate year, each nursing home shall certify to the division, its actual  
15 health insurance costs for the preceding rate year and the actual  
16 patient days for the preceding rate year. The division shall utilize the  
17 nursing home’s certified actual health insurance costs and actual  
18 patient days to revise, upward or downward, the health insurance  
19 cost rate add-on provided for in this paragraph.