

HOUSE No. 1900

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, petition of Angelo M. Scaccia for legislation to provide that network hospitals be compensated for behavioral health services to certain MassHealth patients. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE EQUITABLE PAYMENT FROM THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 16 of chapter 6A, as appearing in the 2002 Official
2 edition of the General Laws, is amended by adding, at the end
3 thereof, after the word, “programs.” the following:—
4 “And provided further that the secretary of the executive office of
5 health and human services shall ensure that network hospitals are
6 compensated at their full negotiated rate for behavioral health
7 services provided to MassHealth patients who are also clients of
8 agencies within the executive office of health and human services
9 and for whom no appropriate alternative placement is available.
10 Provided, however, such compensation shall only be provided if the
11 hospital can document that it has engaged in good faith efforts to
12 place said clients in any appropriate alternative setting.