

HOUSE No. 2119

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, petition of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to establish a commission (including members of the General Court) to study methods of reducing health care administrative costs in the Commonwealth. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	Elizabeth A. Poirier
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In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A COMMISSION TO REDUCE HEALTH CARE ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary,
2 there is hereby established a commission to study the equality and
3 efficiency of the present system of administering health care in
4 the commonwealth and study ways to reduce administrative costs
5 associated with administering health care in the commonwealth.
6 The commission shall consist of the following: two members of
7 the house of representatives, one appointed by the speaker of the
8 house and one appointed by the house minority leader; two mem-
9 bers of the senate, one appointed by the senate president and one
10 appointed by the senate minority leader; the secretary of health
11 and human services, or designee; the secretary of elder affairs, or
12 designee; the commissioner of insurance, or designee; three con-
13 sumers, to be appointed by the governor; a member of the Massa-
14 chusetts Hospital Association, so-called; a member from the
15 Massachusetts Medical Society, so-called; a member from Health

16 Care For All, so-called; a member from the Home and Health
17 Care Association of Massachusetts, so-called; a member from the
18 Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers, so-called; a
19 member from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care, so-called; a member
20 from Blue Cross Blue Shield, so-called; a member from Tufts
21 Health Plan, so-called; and, a member from Massachusetts Asso-
22 ciation of Health Plans, so-called.

23 The commission shall study the equality and efficiency of the
24 present system of administering health care in the commonwealth.

25 Said study shall include, but not be limited to:

26 (i) An analysis of the commonwealth's total health care
27 administrative costs.

28 (ii) A determination of the component of administrative costs
29 that appears to be most precisely measured, including a
30 comparison of those costs to the other costs of the health
31 care system.

32 (iii) An examination of the feasibility of establishing a central
33 point of access for the public health care system and feasi-
34 bility of utilizing uniform paperwork.

35 The commission shall submit the results of said study, along
36 with any drafts of recommended legislation and a plan for the
37 implementation of any recommendations to the house and senate
38 committees on ways and means, the clerk of the house, the clerk
39 of the senate, and the joint committee on health care no later than
40 October 31, 2007.