

SENATE NO. 671

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 1. Section 16 of chapter 6A, as appearing in the 2002 Official edition of the General
2 Laws, is amended by adding, at the end of the thereof, after the word, “programs.” the following:--

3 And provided further that the secretary of the executive office of health and human
4 services shall ensure that network hospitals are compensated at their full negotiated rate for
5 behavioral health services provided to MassHealth patients who are also clients of agencies within
6 the executive office of health and human services and for whom no appropriate alternative
7 placement is available. Provided however, such compensation shall only be provided if the hospital
8 can document that it has engaged in good faith efforts to place said clients in any appropriate
9 alternative setting.