

# SENATE NO. 692

## **AN ACT** TO CREATE A COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE CAPITAL NEEDS OF COMMUNITY HOSPITALS

*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. There shall be a special commission to identify the capital needs of the community  
2 hospital sector with regard to use of technology and adequacy of facilities, the ability of the sector  
3 to meet the health care needs of the general population in the next decade, and potential sources of  
4 capital to meet those needs. Said Commission shall also evaluate the role of public programs,  
5 payments and regulations in supporting capital accumulation and make recommendations to  
6 advance the ability of the community hospital sector to meet the expected demand. Said  
7 Commission shall be comprised of the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Commissioner  
8 of the Department of Public Health, the Secretary of Administration and Finance, the Commissioner  
9 of the Department of Medical Assistance, a representative of the Massachusetts Council of  
10 Community Hospitals, a representative of the Massachusetts Hospital Association, a representative  
11 of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, a representative of the Massachusetts Business  
12 Roundtable, the chief executive officer of the Massachusetts Health and Educational Facilities  
13 Authority, the chief executive officer of Mass Development, the House and Senate Chairs of Ways

14 and Means, the House and Senate Chairs of Health Care Financing, and a member of the minority  
15 party in both the House and Senate, appointed by the House and Senate Minority Leaders, a chief  
16 elected local official with a community hospital located in said community to be appointed by the  
17 Governor, an individual knowledgeable about demographic trends and hospital utilization to be  
18 appointed by the Governor and an individual knowledgeable about hospital finance and  
19 construction to be appointed by the Governor.

20 SECTION 2. Said Commission shall hold hearings and issue a report to the General Court no later  
21 than December 15, 2007.