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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tackey Chan

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to review of adult foster care services.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Tackey Chan	*2nd Norfolk*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*
Sarah K. Peake	*4th Barnstable*
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	*3rd Berkshire*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Danielle W. Gregoire	*4th Middlesex*
James R. Miceli	*19th Middlesex*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
William Smitty Pignatelli	*4th Berkshire*
Bradford Hill	*4th Essex*
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*
John J. Binienda	*17th Worcester*
Gailanne M. Cariddi	*1st Berkshire*
Katherine M. Clark	*Fifth Middlesex*
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	*10th Hampden*
Marcos A. Devers	*16th Essex*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*

Timothy R. Madden	*Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*
Randy Hunt	*5th Barnstable*

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By Mr. Chan of Quincy, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1009) of Tackey Chan and others relative to a review of MassHealth payment rates for adult foster care services by the Executive Office of Health and Human Services. Health Care Financing.

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An Act relative to review of adult foster care services.

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

SECTION 1: Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall pursuant to General Laws Chapter 118E, Sections 13C-13D, as amended by Section 123 of Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012, complete a review of MassHealth payment rates for Adult Foster Care services by September 1, 2013. The Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall promulgate regulations, effective January 1, 2014, on increasing said rates by 8% above the rates in effect since 2008.

In conducting said review, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall consider, consistent with Chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012: (i) innovative program features that lower the growth of long-term care and health care costs; (ii) opportunities for incorporating alternative payment methodologies that will promote caregiver recruitment and retention and foster improved consumer access and health outcomes; (iii) the lack of a timely and comprehensive rate review for Adult Foster Care services since 2008.