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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James J. Lyons, Jr. and Marc T. Lombardo

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 to account for health safety net expenditures.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James J. Lyons, Jr.	*18th Essex*
Marc T. Lombardo	*22nd Middlesex*

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By Messrs. Lyons of Andover and Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3220) of James J. Lyons, Jr. and Marc T. Lombardo for legislation to require the Executive Office for Aministration and Finance to prepare a report relative to expenditures from the Health Safety Net Program, so-called. Ways and Means.

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An Act to account for health safety net expenditures.

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. Chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting, after section 61, the following section:-

"SECTION XXXX. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive office of administration and finance shall prepare a report on detailing the total amount of the Health Safety Net program that is being used to fund benefits on behalf of each of the following categories: 1) Citizens of the Unites States; 2) Qualified Immigrants; 3) Aliens with Special Status; and 4) Persons who have provided no documentation to fit in the other categories.

(b) Said report shall also separately identify all other costs with respect to the Health Safety Net program, including but not limited to: cost to taxpayers; cost shifting to other payers, agencies or insurers; and cost to hospitals, clinics, and other health-care providers.

(c) In calculating the amounts described in subsections (a) and (b), the executive office of administration and finance shall utilize generally accepted accounting principles encompassing all state spending.

(d) Said report shall be filed with to the chair and ranking minority member of the house committee on ways and means, the chair and ranking minority member of the senate committee on ways and means, and the clerks of the House of Representatives and senate no later than April 1, 2014.”.