

**SENATE . . . . . No. 561**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Michael J. Rodrigues*

*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 the establishment of rates of payment to medical providers for workers' compensation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Michael J. Rodrigues*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Rodrigues, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 561) of Michael J. Rodrigues for legislation relative to the establishment of rates of payment to medical providers for workers' compensation. Health Care Financing.

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An Act relative to the establishment of rates of payment to medical providers for workers' compensation.

*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 13C of chapter 118 of the General Laws, as added by section 123  
2 of chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012, is hereby amended by adding the following at the end of the  
3 second sentence:- provided, however, in connection with the establishment of rates of payment  
4 for health care services adjudged compensable under chapter 152, the secretary or the  
5 governmental unit designated by the secretary to establish such rates shall consult with the  
6 commissioner of insurance and said commissioner shall certify that any increase in such provider  
7 rates shall not adversely affect employers' workers' compensation insurance rates and premiums.

8 SECTION 2. Subsection (1) of section 13 of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as most  
9 recently amended by section 146 of chapter 224 of the Acts of 2012, is hereby further amended  
10 by striking out the first sentence therein and inserting in place thereof the following: -

11 The rate of payment by insurers for health care services adjudged compensable under this  
12 chapter shall be established by the executive office of health and human services under chapter  
13 118E or a governmental unit designated by the executive office; provided, however, that a  
14 different rate for services may be agreed upon by the insurer, the employer and the health care  
15 service provider and provided further that any collusion between or among providers to obtain  
16 higher rates of payment from any insurer than those established under chapter one hundred and  
17 eighteen G shall be deemed to be a violation of chapter 93A. In connection with the  
18 establishment of rates of payment for health care services adjudged compensable under this  
19 chapter, the executive office of health and human services or a governmental unit designated by  
20 the executive office shall consult with the commissioner of insurance and said commissioner  
21 shall certify that any increase in such provider rates shall not adversely affect employers'  
22 workers' compensation insurance rates and premiums.