

By Mr. Demers of Chicopee, petition of Richard H. Demers, David J. Swartz and Raymond A. Jordan, Jr., relative to the payment of total current charges for provision of hospital intensive care and related services provided to employees covered under the Workmen's Compensation Act. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Six.

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PAYMENT OF TOTAL CURRENT CHARGES FOR PROVISION OF HOSPITAL INTENSIVE CARE AND RELATED SERVICES PROVIDED TO WORKERS COVERED UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT.

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 thirty-two of chapter six A of the
2 Massachusetts General Laws, as most recently amended by
3 section two of chapter twelve hundred twenty-nine of the acts of
4 1973, is hereby amended by striking subsection (4) of the third
5 paragraph thereof and substituting therefor the following:

6 (4) shall determine, after public hearing, at least as often as
7 annually, and certify to the division of industrial accidents of the
8 department of labor and industries rates of payment for general
9 services, herein defined as health supplies, care, social,
10 rehabilitative or educational services and accommodations which
11 rates shall be paid for services under the workmen's compensa-
12 tion act. In the event that a hospital provides special services,
13 herein defined as the services of its intensive care (or similar) unit
14 and any supplies, care, services and administration relative
15 thereto, each governmental unit and workmen's compensation
16 insurer shall, in addition to the rates set for reimbursement for
17 general services as determined by the commissioner, reimburse
18 the hospital for excess charges, herein defined as an amount equal
19 to the difference between the average semi-private accommoda-

20 tion rate then prevailing for general services and the total current
21 charges for special services then prevailing in the hospital and
22 charged to the general public;

1 SECTION 2. Section thirty of chapter one hundred fifty-two
2 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as most recently amended by
3 chapter four hundred three of the acts of 1972, is hereby amended
4 by inserting the following language between the first and second
5 sentences thereof:

6 In the event that a hospital provides special services, herein
7 defined as the services of its intensive care (or similar) unit and
8 any supplies, care, services and administration relative thereto,
9 each governmental unit and workmen's compensation insurer
10 shall, in addition to the general rates set for reimbursement as
11 determined by the commissioner, reimburse the hospital for
12 excess charges, herein defined as an amount equal to the
13 difference between the average semi-private accommodation rate
14 then prevailing for general services and the total current charges
15 for special services then prevailing in the hospital and charged to
16 the general public.