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By Mr. Thomas P. White, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 702) of Thomas P. White and Robert L. Hughes, Jr., for legislation relative to the confidentiality of examinations, audits or inspections of health maintenance organizations by the Commissioner of Insurance. Insurance.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING CONFIDENTIALITY PROTECTIONS.

*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 10 of Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby
- 2 amended by inserting after the second paragraph the following
- 3 paragraph: —
- 4 The records of any such audit, examination or other inspection
- 5 and the information contained in the records, reports or books
- 6 of the health maintenance organization shall be confidential and
- 7 open only to the inspection of the commissioner, his examiners
- 8 and assistants. Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the
- 9 required production of such records, and information contained
- 10 in the reports of such health maintenance organization, before any
- 11 court of this commonwealth or any master or auditor appointed
- 12 by any such court, in any criminal or civil proceeding therein
- 13 pending, affecting such health maintenance organization, its
- 14 officers, directors or employees.
- 15 The final report of any such audit, examination or other
- 16 inspection by or on behalf of the Division shall be a public record.

