

By Mr. Bolling of Boston, petition of Royal L. Bolling, Jr., for legislation to require hospitals to pay for ambulance services provided by a city or town, public authority or other political subdivision of the Commonwealth. Health Care.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Two.

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AN ACT REQUIRING HOSPITALS TO PAY FOR AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED BY A CITY OR TOWN, PUBLIC AUTHORITY OR OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

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

1 Chapter 111C of the General Laws is hereby amended by insert-  
2 ing after Section 14, the following Section: —

3 *Section 15.* Any hospital licensed pursuant to section fifty-one  
4 of chapter one hundred and eleven of the General Laws to which a  
5 patient is delivered, whether or not such delivery results in admis-  
6 sion, by means of an ambulance service licensed pursuant to this  
7 chapter and operated by a city or town, public authority or other  
8 political subdivision of the commonwealth, shall pay to said city or  
9 town, public authority, or other political subdivision of the com-  
10 monwealth the full cost of such delivery and any emergency medi-  
11 cal treatment associated therewith as established by said city or  
12 town pursuant to clause twenty-one (a) of section five of chapter  
13 forty of the General Laws, or, if the city or town, public authority  
14 or other political subdivision of the commonwealth operates a  
15 service subject to section thirty-two of chapter six(a) of the General  
16 Laws, by the rate setting commission as if billed directly to a  
17 governmental unit.

18 Bills submitted to any hospital subject to this section shall  
19 include, at minimum, the date and time of delivery and, if known,  
20 the name and address of the patient. Said bill shall constitute an  
21 assignment by the city or town, public authority or other political

22 subdivision of the commonwealth of all rights it would otherwise  
23 have to seek reimbursement directly from the patient, third party  
24 insurers or, if the patient is eligible, governmental units and the  
25 hospital shall be so authorized to bill the patient, third party  
26 insurers or, if the patient is eligible, governmental units as if the  
27 service was directly provided by it and the cost approved by the rate  
28 setting commission. Nothing in this section shall preclude the  
29 hospital from seeking its own rate of reimbursement from the rate  
30 setting commission.