

SENATE . . . . . No. 627

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By Mr. Burke, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 627) of Edward L. Burke that provision be made for an investigation and study by the Department of Public Welfare relative to the methodology used to establish rates for hospital outpatient departments. Health Care.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE RELATIVE TO THE METHODOLOGY USED TO ESTABLISH RATES FOR HOSPITAL OUTPATIENT DEPARTMENTS.

1 *Resolved*, That the department of public welfare is hereby  
2 authorized and directed to make an investigation and study of  
3 the impacts of the current reimbursement methodology used  
4 to establish rates for hospital outpatient services under the  
5 Medicaid program. The department shall compare said study  
6 results with those that could be obtained under alternative  
7 methodologies of reimbursement. Said department shall report  
8 to the health care committee of the general court the results  
9 of its investigation and study, and recommendations, if any,  
10 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its  
11 recommendations into effect by filing the same with the Joint  
12 Legislative Committee on Health Care by January 1, 1982.

