

By Mr. Grenier of Spencer, petition of Henry R. Grenier for legislation to eliminate private funding of the Rate Setting Commission. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE PRIVATE FUNDING IN THE RATE SETTING COMMISSION.

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. The following language shall be stricken from the
2 eighth paragraph of Section 5 of the General Laws chapter
3 176A: —

4 The commission may enter into an annual agreement with a
5 nonprofit hospital service corporation for the services of such
6 auditors or accountants as may be required in any such examina-
7 tion; provided, that the entire costs of such salaries of auditors or
8 accountants and necessary expenses connected therewith, includ-
9 ing related expenses of the commission, shall be borne by such
10 corporation. The commission may also enter into an annual agree-
11 ment with a nonprofit hospital service corporation for such health
12 care specialists, statisticians and other personnel as may be
13 required by the commission in performing its duties under this
14 chapter. Expenses incurred in connection with any agreement
15 authorized under this paragraph shall be treated as part of the cost
16 of benefits furnished by said corporation.

1 SECTION 2. The following language shall be added to General
2 Laws chapter 6A as section 47 thereof: —

3 Section 47. The commission shall not directly or indirectly
4 accept payment or donations in any form whatsoever for services
5 performed by its agents, servants or employees, from any person,
6 corporation, agency, association or other entity having a direct

7 financial interest in the rules, regulations, policies or decisions of
 8 the commission, except that the commission may accept such
 9 filing fees as may otherwise be authorized by law.