

By Mr. Bertonazzi, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 380) of Louis P. Bertonazzi, John C. McNeil, W. Paul White, James T. Brett and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to allowable cost increases for acute care hospitals. Health Care.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-One.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CERTAIN HOSPITALS.

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 eighty of chapter 6A of the General
2 Laws, as appearing in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended
3 by the following: —

4 (a) Paragraphs (f) through (k) of said section eighty are
5 redesignated (g) through (l).

6 (b) Said section eighty is amended by inserting after para-
7 graph (e) the following paragraph (f):

8 (f) Said fiscal year nineteen hundred and eighty-seven
9 maximum allowable costs, as adjusted pursuant to paragraphs (b)
10 through (e), shall be further adjusted to incorporate the
11 adjustment described in paragraph (c) of section eighty-one A.

12 (c) Paragraph (g) of said section eighty, as redesignated by
13 paragraph (a) of this section, is amended by inserting after the
14 phrase “paragraph (d) or (e), as applicable”, the phrase “and
15 paragraph (f)”.

16 (d) Paragraph (g) (vi) of said section eighty, as redesignated by
17 paragraph (a) of this section, is amended by striking the phrase
18 “paragraphs (a) through (f)”, and inserting in its place the phrase
19 “paragraphs (a) through (g)”.

20 (e) Paragraph (h) of said section eighty of said chapter 6A, as
21 redesignated by paragraph (a) of this section, is hereby amended
22 by striking the phrase “paragraph (f)” and inserting in its place
23 the phrase “paragraph (g)”.

24 (f) Paragraph (l) of said section eighty, as redesignated by
25 paragraph (a) of this section, is amended by striking the phrase
26 “paragraphs (a) to (j)” and inserting in its place the phrase
27 “paragraphs (a) to (k)”.

1 SECTION 2. (a) Section eighty A of said chapter 6A is
2 amended by striking each occurrence of the phrase “paragraph (e)
3 of section eighty” and inserting in its place the phrase “para-
4 graph (e) or (f) of section eighty”.

5 (b) Paragraph (f) of section eighty-one of said chapter 6A is
6 amended by striking the phrase “paragraph (f) of section eighty”
7 and inserting in its place the phrase “paragraph (g) of sec-
8 tion eighty”.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 6A is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section: —

3 Section 81A. (a) For each acute hospital, the aggregate
4 percentage increase in nineteen hundred and eighty-seven
5 maximum allowable costs, as such costs are defined in para-
6 graph (a) (vi) of section eighty, that results from paragraphs (b)
7 through (e) of section eighty, and from paragraph (b) through (d)
8 of section eighty-one, shall be calculated.

9 (b) Each acute hospital for which the result of the calculation
10 described in paragraph (a) of this section is: less than the sum of
11 the compounded inflation adjustments calculated pursuant to
12 paragraph (d) of section eighty and paragraph (d) of sec-
13 tion eighty-one, and six one-hundredths; and for which the sum
14 of any reductions to patient care costs calculated pursuant to para-
15 graph (c) of section eighty and paragraph (c) of section eighty-
16 one do not exceed seven one-hundredths of nineteen hundred and
17 eighty-seven maximum allowable costs, as such costs are defined
18 in paragraph (a) (vi) of section eighty; and for which the sum of
19 any additions to patient care costs calculated pursuant to para-
20 graph (c) of section eighty and paragraph (c) of section eighty-
21 one do not exceed three million dollars, shall be entitled to the
22 adjustment described in paragraph (c) of this section.

23 (c) The adjustment for an acute hospital qualifying under the
24 provisions of paragraph (b) of this section shall be equal to
25 nineteen hundred and eighty-seven maximum allowable costs, as

26 such costs are defined in paragraph (a) (vi) of section eighty,
27 multiplied by six one-hundredths; provided, however, that such
28 adjustment, when stated as a percentage of nineteen hundred and
29 eighty-seven maximum allowable costs and added to the
30 calculations required by paragraph (a) shall be limited to the
31 amount that does not cause the total to exceed the sum of
32 compounded inflation adjustments calculated pursuant to
33 paragraph (d) of section eighty and paragraph (d) of sec-
34 tion eighty-one, and six one-hundredths.

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