

By Mr. Barrett, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 419) of Michael J. Barrett and Brian J. McDonald for legislation to create an advisory board on national health care reform and the state economy. Health Care.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Four

AN ACT CREATING AN ADVISORY BOARD ON NATIONAL HEALTH CARE REFORM AND THE STATE ECONOMY.

*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 seven of the Massachusetts General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by adding the following new section: —

3 SECTION 37B. There shall be in the executive office for  
4 administration and finance, but not subject to its control or super-  
5 vision, an advisory board on health care reform and the state  
6 economy, consisting of nine members, five of whom shall be  
7 appointed by the governor and serve at his pleasure and four of  
8 whom shall be the chairs of the General Court's Joint Committee  
9 on Health Care and Joint Committee on Insurance. Of the five  
10 members appointed by the governor, at least three members shall  
11 be experts in health care financing and at least two members shall  
12 be experts in public finance and econometrics. Members of the  
13 advisory board shall serve without compensation but shall be paid  
14 their necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their  
15 duties. The board may employ such technical experts and other  
16 assistants as may be required in the performance of its duties.

17 Said board shall be appointed and convened no later than April  
18 first, nineteen hundred and ninety-four to consider and analyze the  
19 national health care legislative proposals pending before the  
20 Congress regarding universal health care coverage in order to  
21 determine the impact of said proposals on Massachusetts'  
22 economy in both the short and long term. Said board shall hold

23 informational meetings and public hearings to determine the pro-  
24 jected impact of said legislative proposals on Massachusetts'  
25 economy in both the short and long term and shall investigate the  
26 potential impact of global budgeting on Massachusetts' economy.  
27 Said board shall prepare and publish a report regarding its conclu-  
28 sions no later than September fifteenth, nineteen hundred and  
29 ninety-four and simultaneously file said report with the clerks of  
30 the House and the Senate and with the Governor. On and after  
31 September fifteenth, nineteen hundred and ninety-four, said board  
32 shall continue to monitor the progress of national legislation and  
33 shall continue to determine and report on its projected impact on  
34 Massachusetts' economy. In addition, said board shall convene  
35 within two weeks of the passage of legislation by Congress  
36 regarding universal health care coverage to consider and analyze  
37 the new law and, after holding informational and public hearings,  
38 shall report its conclusions regarding the projected impact of said  
39 legislation on Massachusetts' economy within three months of  
40 final passage of said legislation as provided herein.