

SENATE No. 716

By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 716) of Richard T. Moore, Bruce E. Tarr and Edward G. Connolly for legislation to require the Division of Medical Assistance to provide adequate rate adjustments. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DIVISION OF MEDICAL ASSISTANCE TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE RATE ADJUSTMENTS.

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 11 of Chapter 118G (b) is hereby amended by inserting
- 2 at the end thereof the following new sentence:
- 3 "The Division of Medical Assistance shall ensure that any third
- 4 party payor responsible for the provision of behavioral health ben-
- 5 efits for medical assistance recipients provide annual rate adjust-
- 6 ments to all network hospitals not less than the Medical Consumer
- 7 Price Increase for All Urban Consumers for the most recently
- 8 completed state fiscal year".

