

By Mr. Flynn of Hanover, petition of William J. Flynn, Jr., that the Massachusetts Medical Service be authorized to bargain collectively with labor organizations representing participating physicians. Health Care.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Seven.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SERVICE AND ITS PARTICIPATING PHYSICIAN EMPLOYEES SHALL BE SUBJECT TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE STATE LABOR RELATIONS LAW.

*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. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the  
2 contrary, Massachusetts Medical Service, established by chapter  
3 three hundred and six of the acts of nineteen hundred and forty-  
4 one, shall have authority to bargain collectively with labor  
5 organizations representing participating physicians employed by  
6 Massachusetts Medical Service and to enter into agreements with  
7 such organizations relative to fees, payment schedules, working  
8 conditions, benefits, allowances and medical liability exposure  
9 protection programs of such physicians;

10 The participating physicians employed by the Massachusetts  
11 Medical Service shall submit all grievances and disputes to the  
12 state board of conciliation and arbitration or other board having  
13 similar powers and duties, and its decision shall be final and  
14 binding.

15 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the  
16 provisions of section four, four A, four B, five, six, six A, six B,

17 six C, seven and eight of chapter one hundred and fifty A of the  
18 General Laws, so far as apt, shall apply to said Massachusetts  
19 Medical Service and its participating physicians.

20 Nothing in this Act shall be construed as conferring upon the  
21 participating physicians employed by Massachusetts Medical  
22 Service the right to strike.

1 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its passage.