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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, AUGUST 14, 1997.

The committee on Health Care, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 476) of Therese Murray, Robert A. Durand, Robert E. Travaglini, Joseph R. Gallitano, other members of the General Court and the Massachusetts Hospital Association, by Ronald Hollander, president, for legislation to preserve access to emergency health care; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 282) of John A. Stefanini and Charles E. Shannon relative to the public availability of comparative health care data; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 914) of Ronald Mariano for legislation to ensure that determinations governing patient access to health care are made by licensed and qualified medical care providers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 919) of Kevin Poirier for legislation to further define the term "emergency medical condition"; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1122) of Christine E. Canavan, Mary Jane Simmons and Kay Khan that determinations governing patient access to care are made by qualified providers; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1315) of William M. Straus and Lois G. Pines for legislation to assure responsible medical judgments by primary care physicians; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1500) of Douglas W. Petersen, other members of the General Court and another relative to utilization review procedures in health care; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1501) of Douglas W. Petersen, other members of the General Court and another relative to utilization review procedures in health care; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2109) of John E. McDonough relative to administrative review under the health care laws of the Commonwealth; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2672) of Douglas W. Petersen, Stephen F. Lynch, Louis L. Kafka and Lois G. Pines for legislation to establish a patient choice option for health care coverage; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4001) of Louis L. Kafka and William R. Keating for legislation to prohibit health care providers from receiving certain financial

incentives, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 4853) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

HARRIETTE L. CHANDLER.

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

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1     *Ordered*, That the committee on Health Care be authorized to  
2 sit during the recess of the General Court to make an investigation  
3 and study of current senate document numbered 476, relative to  
4 preserving access to emergency health care, and current house  
5 documents numbered 282, relative to the public availability of  
6 comparative health data; 914, relative to determinations governing  
7 patient access; 919, relative to defining the term “emergency  
8 medical condition”; 1122, relative to determinations governing  
9 patient access; 1315, relative to assuring responsible medical  
10 judgements by primary care physicians; 1500, relative to utiliza-  
11 tion review procedures in health care; 1501, relative to utilization  
12 review procedures in health care; 2109, relative to administrative  
13 review under health care laws of the Commonwealth; 2672,  
14 relative to establishing a patient choice option for health care  
15 coverage; and 4001, relative to prohibiting health care providers  
16 from receiving certain financial incentives.

17     Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of  
18 its investigation and its recommendations, if any, together with  
19 drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations  
20 into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of  
21 Representatives on or before the last Wednesday in December,  
22 nineteen hundred and ninety-eight.

