

HOUSE No. 1097

By Ms. Sandlin of Agawam, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1097) of Rosemary Sandlin for legislation to establish a community hospital fund for computerized physician order. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Rosemary Sandlin

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act to establish a community hospital fund for computerized physician order entry.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Rosemary Sandlin

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

3rd Hampden

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY HOSPITAL FUND FOR COMPUTERIZED PHYSICIAN ORDER ENTRY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 This act will establish a new Computerized Physician Order Entry Community Hospital fund via existing
2 funding sources, as follows:

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, fifty percent of the surplus, if
4 any, contained in the health safety net fund established pursuant to chapter 116G, section 36, shall be
5 transferred to a computerized physician order entry community hospital fund to be administered by the
6 division of health care finance and policy. The division shall develop grant award criteria for the purpose
7 of funding physician CPOE education and training activities in the community hospital setting. Grant
8 applicants shall file CPOE implementation plans with the division detailing their project and estimated
9 expenses.

10 This act will prioritize grants from the existing E-Health Institute Fund for CPOE implementation on
11 community hospitals:

12 Notwithstanding any general law or special regulation to the contrary, the greater of \$5,000,000 or thirty
13 percent of the funds available to the e-health institute fund, established pursuant to section 4 of chapter
14 305 of the acts of 2008, shall be expended to provide grants for the implementation of computerized
15 physician order entry systems in community hospitals.