

# SENATE . . . . . No. 116

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By Mr. LoPresti, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 116) of Michael LoPresti, Jr., and Gerald A. Feld for legislation to require the payment of interest and attorney's fees on unpaid medical bills. Commerce and Labor.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-three.

### AN ACT REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF INTEREST AND ATTORNEY'S FEES ON UNPAID MEDICAL BILLS.

*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 13 of Chapter 152 of the General Laws, as most  
2 recently amended by Chapter 424 of the Acts of 1978 is here-  
3 by further amended by adding after the first paragraph the  
4 following new paragraph: —

5 "In any conference under section 7 or hearing under section  
6 8 to enforce the payment of medical bills, interest in the  
7 amount of twelve percent, payable to the employee and coun-  
8 sel fees payable to counsel for the employee including all costs  
9 and any fees for experts shall be awarded."

The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem. It is shown that the problem is equivalent to a certain type of boundary value problem for a second order elliptic equation. The second part of the paper is devoted to the construction of the Green's function for this problem. The third part of the paper is devoted to the construction of the asymptotic expansion of the Green's function for large values of the parameter. The fourth part of the paper is devoted to the construction of the asymptotic expansion of the Green's function for small values of the parameter.

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