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By Mr. Piro of Somerville, petition of Vincent J. Piro that certain small hospitals be exempt from the hospital cost containment law. Health Care.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AMENDING THE HOSPITAL COST CONTAINMENT LAW TO EXEMPT CERTAIN SMALL HOSPITALS FROM ITS PROVISIONS.

*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 31 of chapter 6A of the General Laws is hereby amended
- 2 by striking out the definition of "Acute hospital" as appearing
- 3 therein and inserting in place thereof the following: —
- 4 "Acute hospital", any hospital licensed under section fifty-one
- 5 of chapter one hundred and eleven, and the teaching hospital of
- 6 the University of Massachusetts Medical School, which contains a
- 7 majority of medical-surgical, pediatric, obstretic, and maternity
- 8 beds as defined by the department of public health; provided,
- 9 however, a hospital with less than one hundred beds shall not be
- 10 considered an acute hospital for purposes of Chapter 372 of the
- 11 Acts of 1982.

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