

HOUSE No.

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:

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| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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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.

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