

**HOUSE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Steven M. Walsh**

*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 Promote Health Insurance Transparency .**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

11th Essex

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT TO PROMOTE HEALTH INSURANCE TRANSPARENCY .

*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 1. Section 8H of Chapter 26 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after paragraph 3 the following words:

3           The division of insurance is directed to collect at least annually report to the Legislature and the public the  
4 following information from all domestic insurers and nonprofit hospital, medical and dental service  
5 corporations as defined in section one of chapter one hundred and seventy-six A, section one of chapter  
6 one hundred and seventy-six B, and section one of chapter one hundred and seventy-six E the following  
7 information on all types of medical and casualty insurance packages and programs whether publicly or  
8 privately funded that they write, underwrite or manage:

- 9           (a) The medical loss ratio
- 10           (b) Marketing and promotional costs
- 11           (c) Claims management costs and the number of claims processed
- 12           (d) Brokerage fees
- 13           (e) Total compensation for all executives and consultants
- 14           (f) Any additional administrative costs as determined by the commissioner.

15           Such information shall be collected and reported in a manner that permits accurate comparison of lines of  
16 business and products by:

17 (a) Primary source of funding, state, local, federal, employer, individual;

18 (b) Size of purchaser, including individual purchasers

19 (c) Benefit package

20 (d) Age

21 (e) Gender

22 (f) Health status Risk category

23 (g) Geographic area

24 The first such report must be submitted to the Legislature and made available to the public no later than 6  
25 months following enactment of this legislation.

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27 The division of insurance is directed to produce forthwith; all information on qualifying student health  
28 insurance program (QSHIP) to determine, the medical loss ratio of all lines of business connected in any  
29 way with QSHIP, an evaluation produced by the division of the actuarial value of the health insurance  
30 policies that are mandated for these students and the promotional and marketing costs that are associated  
31 with QSHIP, comprehensive information on executive and consultant compensation in each of the  
32 companies that are writing such insurance and brokerage fees and administrative costs that are incurred in  
33 the course of doing business in the QSHIP market.

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