

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Buoniconti, Stephen (SEN)**

*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 establishing a special commission to study physician recruitment and workforce development in Massachusetts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Buoniconti, Stephen (SEN)	Hampden

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01213 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT  
AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT IN MASSACHUSETTS.**

*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. There shall be a special commission to investigate, study and evaluate methods to  
2 increase the recruitment and retention of physicians in the Commonwealth. The commission shall  
3 address, but not be limited to, the definition and designation of understaffed medical specialties, health  
4 professional shortage areas and other medically underserved areas; identification of existing laws,  
5 regulations, policies, contracting and reimbursement practices and which may create disincentives to  
6 physician recruitment and retention; and, the establishment of a loan forgiveness program, tax credits  
7 or other financial incentives for physicians to practice in the Commonwealth.

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9           The special commission shall consist of the secretary of the executive office of economic development  
10 or his designee who shall serve as chairman; the commissioner of the department of public health or his  
11 designee; the executive director of the board of registration in medicine or his designee; the House and

12 Senate chairs of the health care financing committee; and one representative named by each of the  
13 following: the Massachusetts Medical Society; the Massachusetts Hospital Association; the  
14 Massachusetts League of Community Health Centers; the Massachusetts Association of Health Plans;  
15 Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts; the Massachusetts Conference of Teaching Hospitals; a  
16 physician president of a medical staff of a community hospital, a primary care physician; and a consumer  
17 representative named by the commission's chairman. The special commission may consult with other  
18 government agencies, both federal and state, as well as members of the health care community and the  
19 general public.

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21 The special commission shall submit a report, including any draft recommendations or legislation to the  
22 House and Senate within 12 months of the day that this act is passed into law.