

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Moore, Richard (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 to Create a Commission to Determine the Capital Needs of Community Hospitals**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Moore, Richard (SEN)	Worcester and Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00692 OF.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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**AN ACT TO CREATE A COMMISSION TO DETERMINE THE CAPITAL NEEDS OF  
COMMUNITY HOSPITALS.**

*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 identify the capital needs of the  
2 community hospital sector with regard to use of technology and adequacy of facilities, the ability  
3 of the sector to meet the health care needs of the general population in the next decade, and  
4 potential sources of capital to meet those needs. Said Commission shall also evaluate the role of  
5 public programs, payments and regulations in supporting capital accumulation and make  
6 recommendations to advance the ability of the community hospital sector to meet the expected  
7 demand. Said Commission shall be comprised of the Secretary of Health and Human Services,  
8 the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, the Secretary of Administration and  
9 Finance, the Commissioner of the Department of Medical Assistance, a representative of the  
10 Massachusetts Council of Community Hospitals, a representative of the Massachusetts Hospital  
11 Association, a representative of the Associated Industries of Massachusetts, a representative of

12 the Massachusetts Business Roundtable, the chief executive officer of the Massachusetts Health  
13 and Educational Facilities Authority, the chief executive officer of Mass Development, the  
14 House and Senate Chairs of Ways and Means, the House and Senate Chairs of the Joint  
15 Committee on Health Care Financing, and a member of the minority party in both the House and  
16 Senate, appointed by the House and Senate Minority Leaders, a chief elected local official with a  
17 community hospital located in said community to be appointed by the Governor, an individual  
18 knowledgeable about demographic trends and hospital utilization to be appointed by the  
19 Governor and an individual knowledgeable about hospital finance and construction to be  
20 appointed by the Governor.

21 SECTION 2. Said Commission shall hold hearings and issue a report to the General Court no  
22 later than December 31, 2010.