

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Candaras, Gale (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 establish a primary care development fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Candaras, Gale (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Hampden and Hampshire

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PRIMARY CARE DEVELOPMENT FUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 “Notwithstanding any general or special law or regulation to the contrary, one hundred percent of
2 the surplus, if any, contained in the health safety net fund established pursuant to Chapter 116G,
3 Section 36, shall be transferred annually into a primary care development fund to be administered
4 by the health care workforce center established pursuant to chapter 305 of the acts of 2008. Funds
5 also may be transferred into said fund during the fiscal year and on a rolling basis to the extent
6 there is an existing surplus during such time. In addition, any federal financial participation received
7 on account of the essential community provider trust fund also shall be transferred to the primary
8 care development fund. The center shall develop grant award criteria for the purpose of funding
9 community hospital primary care physician recruitment and retention activities.