

Justification and Senate 578 as filed.

Justification for SB 578

An Act Relative to Potential Anti-Competitive Behavior by Hospitals and Payers

The proposed legislation requires that the Attorney General's Office conduct a study of potentially anti-competitive behavior by hospitals and insurance carriers. The Attorney General's Office through its health care, consumer protection, anti-trust and insurance divisions within the Public Protection and Advocacy Bureau, and through the non profit organizations/ public charities division within the Business and Labor Bureau, has the breath of resources required to undertake this complex analysis.

SENATE No. 578

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Robert A. O'Leary

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 Relative to Potential Anti-Competitive Behavior by Hospitals and Payers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Robert A. O'Leary	Cape and Islands
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO POTENTIAL ANTI-COMPETITIVE BEHAVIOR BY HOSPITALS AND PAYERS.

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

SECTION 1: Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the office of the attorney general shall conduct a study addressing potential anti-competitive behavior by hospitals and insurance carriers in the commonwealth. The attorney general shall issue a report summarizing its findings and making recommendations not later than December 31, 2009, and shall file such report with the joint committee on health care financing.