



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

MASSACHUSETTS HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
STATE HOUSE BOSTON, MA 02133

RE: H.998 An Act Strengthening The Quality and Efficiency of Home Health Services
DT: 1 July 2015

Dear Honorable Joint Committee on Health Care Financing,

Thank you for considering bill H.998 An Act Strengthening the Quality and Efficiency of Home Health Service.

The bill is a response to several factors caused by the recent exponential growth of certified health agencies, and the lack of recognition of this outbreak from the healthcare system and policy makers. The response entails a proposal to control MassHealth spending and rejuvenate the longstanding tradition of quality home care that has often been proficient here in the Commonwealth. Massachusetts is one of five states without the mandatory minimum standard of having either licensure for home health care or a Certificate of Need Program for new agencies. Alongside this is the fact that the Department of Public Health examines home health agencies on behalf of Medicare, but even with the performing of this practice, there still is no licensure that is mandated.

H.998 An Act Strengthening the Quality and Efficiency of Home Health Service is a bill that will give the commonwealth the ability to reform the absence of criteria from the federal government to control MassHealth spending and renew the tradition of quality home care in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Thank you for your time and consideration to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul Heroux".

Paul Heroux