

HOUSE No. 1015

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing pregnancy as a qualifying event.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1015) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to establish pregnancy as a qualifying event for eligibility for special enrollment in certain health plans in the state health insurance exchange. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act establishing pregnancy as a qualifying event.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in addition to
2 any qualifying event under federal law, rule or regulation that makes one eligible for a special
3 enrollment period for enrollment in a qualified health plan in the state health insurance exchange
4 established pursuant to the federal patient protection and affordable care act, the state health
5 insurance exchange shall allow for the enrollment of a pregnant individual within 30 days
6 following the commencement of the pregnancy; provided however, that the pregnancy is
7 certified by a licensed health care provider, as defined in chapter 112 of the general laws. Upon
8 such enrollment, any qualified health plan in the state health insurance exchange shall ensure that
9 coverage is effective on the first day of the month in which said certification is received.

10 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2020.