

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1125**

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**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 relative to epinephrine injectors.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2021</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Alyson M. Sullivan</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>3/11/2021</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>3/25/2021</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1125) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to health insurance coverage for epinephrine injectors. Financial Services.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**

An Act relative to epinephrine injectors.

*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. Chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 17Q the following section:-

3 Section 17R. Any coverage offered by the commission to an active or retired employee of  
4 the commonwealth insured under the group insurance commission shall provide coverage for the  
5 appropriate weight-based dosage of epinephrine injectors. The benefits in this section shall not  
6 be subject to any greater deductible, coinsurance, copayments or out-of-pocket limits than any  
7 other benefit provided by the commission. For purposes of this section the term “epinephrine  
8 injector” shall mean an auto-injector approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for  
9 the administration of epinephrine and a pre-filled syringe approved by the federal Food and Drug  
10 Administration and used for the administration of epinephrine that contains a pre-measured dose  
11 of epinephrine that is equivalent to the dosages used in an auto-injector.

12 SECTION 2. Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
13 section 10L the following section:-

14 Section 10M. The division and its contracted health insurers, health plans, health  
15 maintenance organizations, behavioral health management firms and third-party administrators  
16 under contract to a Medicaid managed care organization or primary care clinician plan shall  
17 provide coverage for the appropriate weight-based dosage of epinephrine injectors. An  
18 epinephrine injector prescribed in this section shall not be subject to any greater deductible,  
19 coinsurance, copayments or out-of-pocket limits than any other prescribed drugs provided by the  
20 division. For purposes of this section the term “epinephrine injector” shall mean an auto-injector  
21 approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the administration of epinephrine and  
22 a pre-filled syringe approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and used for the  
23 administration of epinephrine that contains a pre-measured dose of epinephrine that is equivalent  
24 to the dosages used in an auto-injector.

25 SECTION 3. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
26 section 47KK the following section:-

27 Section 47LL. Any individual policy of accident or sickness insurance issued pursuant to  
28 this chapter shall provide coverage for the appropriate weight-based dosage of epinephrine  
29 injectors. An epinephrine injector prescribed in this section shall not be subject to any greater  
30 deductible, coinsurance, copayments or out-of-pocket limits than any other prescribed drug  
31 provided by the insurer. For purposes of this section the term “epinephrine injector” shall mean  
32 an auto-injector approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the administration of  
33 epinephrine and a pre-filled syringe approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and

34 used for the administration of epinephrine that contains a pre-measured dose of epinephrine that  
35 is equivalent to the dosages used in an auto-injector.

36 SECTION 4. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
37 section 8MM the following section:-

38 Section 8NN. Any contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual  
39 group or hospital service plan that is delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth  
40 shall provide coverage for the appropriate weight-based dosage of epinephrine injectors. An  
41 epinephrine injector prescribed in this section shall not be subject to any greater deductible,  
42 coinsurance, copayments or out-of-pocket limits than any other prescribed drug provided by the  
43 insurer. For purposes of this section the term “epinephrine injector” shall mean an auto-injector  
44 approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration for the administration of epinephrine and  
45 a pre-filled syringe approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and used for the  
46 administration of epinephrine that contains a pre-measured dose of epinephrine that is equivalent  
47 to the dosages used in an auto-injector.

48 SECTION 5. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
49 section 4MM the following section:-

50 Section 4NN. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service  
51 agreement delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for the  
52 appropriate weight-based dosage of epinephrine injectors. An epinephrine injector prescribed in  
53 this section shall not be subject to any greater deductible, coinsurance, copayments or out-of-  
54 pocket limits than any other prescribed drug provided by the insurer. For purposes of this section  
55 the term “epinephrine injector” shall mean an auto-injector approved by the federal Food and

56 Drug Administration for the administration of epinephrine and a pre-filled syringe approved by  
57 the federal Food and Drug Administration and used for the administration of epinephrine that  
58 contains a pre-measured dose of epinephrine that is equivalent to the dosages used in an auto-  
59 injector.

60 SECTION 6. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
61 section 4EE the following section:-

62 Section 4FF. Any individual or group health maintenance contract shall provide coverage  
63 for the appropriate weight-based dosage of epinephrine injectors. An epinephrine injector  
64 prescribed in this section shall not be subject to any greater deductible, coinsurance, copayments  
65 or out-of-pocket limits than any other prescribed drug provided by the commission. For purposes  
66 of this section the term “epinephrine injector” shall mean an auto-injector approved by the  
67 federal Food and Drug Administration for the administration of epinephrine and a pre-filled  
68 syringe approved by the federal Food and Drug Administration and used for the administration  
69 of epinephrine that contains a pre-measured dose of epinephrine that is equivalent to the dosages  
70 used in an auto-injector.