

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1169**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Christine P. Barber*

*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 providing Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation programs and information.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Jon Santiago</i>	<i>9th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Michael P. Kushmerek</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Lydia Edwards</i>	<i>Third Suffolk</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>

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By Representative Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1169) of Christine P. Barber and others relative to providing Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation programs and information. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1245 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

—————  
**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act providing Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation programs and information.

*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 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the  
2 end of section 10M the following:-

3           “provided further that “tobacco use cessation counseling” shall include individual, group  
4 and phone counseling by a physician, dentist, behavioral health counselor, mental health  
5 counselor, certified tobacco use cessation counselor, or other qualified clinician.”