

HOUSE No. 01233

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

George N. Peterson, Jr. and

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 Accepting Spousal or Parental Coverage Under Fair Share.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. George N. Peterson of Grafton, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 01233) of Michael Moore and others relative to qualifying health insurance coverage. Joint Committee on Health Care Financing.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act Relative to Accepting Spousal or Parental Coverage Under Fair Share.

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. Section 188 of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
- 2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 19, the word “equivalent”.

- 3 SECTION 2. Subsection (c) of section 188 of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in
- 4 the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following
- 5 paragraph:

- 6 (11) For the purpose of the fair share contribution compliance test, an employer may count
- 7 employees that have qualifying health insurance coverage from a spouse, a parent, a veteran’s
- 8 plan, Medicare, Medicaid, or a plan or plans due to a disability or retirement towards their
- 9 qualifying take-up rate as a “contributing employer”, as defined by the Division of Health Care
- 10 Finance and Policy. The employer is still required to offer group medical insurance and must
- 11 keep and maintain proof of their employee’s insurance status.”.