

HOUSE No. 02037

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Garrett J. Bradley

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 to protect consumers in the issuance of automobile insurance policies and bonds.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Garrett J. Bradley

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

3rd Plymouth

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By Mr. Bradley of Hingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2037) of Bradley for legislation to protect consumers in the issuance of automobile insurance policies and bonds Joint Committee on Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An act to protect consumers in the issuance of automobile insurance policies and bonds.

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 113A of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2000
- 2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out lines 1 through 14 and inserting in
- 3 place thereof the following:
- 4 No motor vehicle liability policy as defined in section thirty-four A of chapter
- 5 ninety shall be issued or delivered in the commonwealth, or changed in any coverage,
- 6 condition or definition in such policy unless it is by approved by the commissioner after
- 7 public notice and hearing in accordance with the procedure established for the
- 8 promulgation of regulations pursuant to section two of chapter thirty A, and after notice
- 9 of the proposed change has been given to the Financial Services Committee of the

10 General Court which notice shall be no later than twenty-one days before the public
11 hearing; nor if the commissioner notifies the company in writing that in his opinion the
12 form of said policy does not comply with the laws of the commonwealth, specifying his
13 reasons therefor, provided that he shall notify the company in writing of his approval or
14 disapproval thereof, and provided further, that such action of the commissioner shall be
15 subject to review by the Supreme Judicial Court; nor if it contains any exceptions or
16 exclusions as to specified accidents or injuries or causes thereof; nor unless it contains in
17 substance the following provisions: —

18 SECTION 2. Section 1 of this act shall apply to all proposed changes in motor vehicle
19 liability policies submitted on or after the effective date of this act.