

HOUSE No. 02091

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act Relative to a Temporary Suspension of the Minimum Creditable Coverage Requirements..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Shaunna O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>
<i>Donald Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Sheila Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Viriato Manuel deMacedo</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2091) of Frost and others for legislation to postpone implementation of minimum health coverage requirements Joint Committee on Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 1073 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act Relative to a Temporary Suspension of the Minimum Creditable Coverage Requirements..

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. Subsection (a) of section 2 of chapter 111M of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the words “July 1, 2007,” and
3 inserting in place thereof:- "July 1, 2012,".

4 SECTION 2. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there shall be a special
5 commission, known as the Massachusetts Minimum Creditable Coverage Advisory Commission,
6 to investigate and study various aspects of health insurance in the commonwealth, including but
7 not limited to:

- 8 a) Minimum creditable coverage standards, pursuant to section 2 of chapter 111M of the General
9 Laws and the Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector's Regulation 956 CMR 5.00:
10 Minimum Creditable Coverage. The commission will consider how to lower premium costs of
11 health insurance in the commonwealth, by making minimum creditable coverage standards less
12 stringent, including but not limited to eliminating the requirement that all health insurance plans
13 cover prescription medication;
- 14 b) mandated health benefits, and the potential to lower premium costs by reducing the mandated
15 benefits all health insurance plans must offer;
- 16 c) allowing Massachusetts residents to purchase individual health care coverage from out-of-
17 state; and
- 18 d) amending regulations for health insurance plans for families, so that those families would pay
19 more for health insurance for each additional member receiving coverage.

20 The commission shall consist of the secretary of the executive office of health and human
21 services, or his designee; the executive director of the Commonwealth health insurance
22 connector authority, or his designee; the president of the Massachusetts Association of Health
23 Plans, or his designee; 2 members appointed by the attorney general, 1 of whom shall be an
24 employee health benefits plan specialist, 1 of whom shall be a representative of a health
25 consumer organization; the Boston district director of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or
26 his designee; 1 member who is a small business owner in Massachusetts, appointed by the
27 Governor; 1 member who is a taxpayer advocate, appointed by the Governor; the president of the
28 Massachusetts AFL-CIO, or his designee; 1 member of the senate to be appointed by the senate
29 president; 1 member to be appointed by the senate minority leader; 1 member of the house of

30 representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house; 1 member to be appointed by the
31 house minority leader.

32 The commission shall submit its report and findings, along with any draft of legislation, to the
33 house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on health care financing,
34 and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate on or before June 1, 2012.

35 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the current minimum
36 creditable coverage regulations, promulgated under said section 2 of chapter 111M of the
37 General Laws, shall be suspended until July 1, 2012.