

HOUSE No. 2215

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark J. Cusack

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 GIC dental and vision benefits for municipal employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian W. Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Cusack of Braintree, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2215) of Mark J. Cusack and others relative to Group Insurance Commission dental and vision benefits for municipal employees. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to GIC dental and vision benefits for municipal employees.

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 19 of chapter 32B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (j), the following subsection:-

3 (k) Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, agreements reached
4 by an appropriate public authority and the public employee committee under subsection (a) to
5 transfer all subscribers to the commission under subsections (e) and (f), may be modified by
6 further agreement to allow active employees and their dependents to enroll in the dental and
7 vision insurance plan provided by the commission to retirees, surviving spouses and their
8 dependents under subsection (j), with premium contribution ratios and administrative fees for
9 active employees and their dependents to be negotiated by said appropriate public authority and
10 public employee committee. The commission shall provide dental insurance coverage, under its
11 plan for retirees, surviving spouses and their dependents insured under Chapter 32A, to active
12 employees and their dependents who elect the coverage under this subsection, as it so provides

13 health insurance coverage under sections (e) and (f). The commission may charge an
14 administrative fee, which shall not be more than 1 percent of the cost of total dental insurance
15 premiums for the active employees and their dependents who enroll in the dental plan under this
16 section, to be determined by the commission which shall be considered as part of the cost of
17 coverage for purposes of determining the contributions of the political subdivision and its active
18 employees and their dependents to the cost of insurance coverage by the commission.

19 SECTION 2. Section 23 of said chapter 32B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
20 inserting after subsection (i), the following subsection:-

21 (j) Notwithstanding any other general or special law to the contrary, agreements reached
22 by an appropriate public authority and the public employee committee to transfer all subscribers,
23 for whom the authority provides health insurance coverage, to the commission under this section,
24 may be modified by further agreement to allow active employees and their dependents to enroll
25 in the dental and vision insurance plan provided by the commission to retirees, surviving spouses
26 and their dependents under subsection (i), with premium contribution ratios and administrative
27 fees for active employees and their dependents to be negotiated by said appropriate public
28 authority and public employee committee. The commission shall provide dental insurance
29 coverage, under its plan for retirees, surviving spouses and their dependents insured under
30 Chapter 32A, to active employees and their dependents who elect the coverage under this
31 subsection, as it so provides health insurance coverage under this section. The commission may
32 charge an administrative fee, which shall not be more than 1 percent of the cost of total dental
33 insurance premiums for the active employees and their dependents who enroll in the dental plan
34 under this section, to be determined by the commission which shall be considered as part of the

- 35 cost of coverage for purposes of determining the contributions of the political subdivision and its
- 36 active employees and their dependents to the cost of insurance coverage by the commission.