

HOUSE No. 02459

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 regarding municipal health insurance plans.

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>Marc Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</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>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Donald Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Kevin Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Ryan Fattman</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Sheila Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Daniel Winslow</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kimberly Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Matthew Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>

<i>Nicholas Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
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<i>Steven Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>George N. Peterson, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2459) of Howitt and others relative to municipal health insurance plans Joint Committee on Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 2509 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act regarding municipal health insurance plans.

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 32B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by adding the following new section:

3 Section 20. Effective July 1, 2011, a governmental unit is authorized to include, as part of the
4 health plans (HMOs, PPOs, indemnity plans) that it offers to its employees and retirees, co-
5 payments, deductibles and tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features)
6 that are no greater in dollar amount than the highest co-payments, deductibles and tiered provider
7 network co-payments (or other plan design features) provided in any of the same class (HMOs,
8 PPOs, indemnity plans) of health plans offered by the Group Insurance Commission pursuant to

9 G.L. c. 32A. For purposes of this section, a “Point of Service” plan offered by a governmental
10 unit shall be considered to fall within the PPO class.

11 The above authorized dollar amounts for co-payments, deductibles and tiered provider network
12 co-payments (or other plan design features) shall be increased whenever the Group Insurance
13 Commission increases the dollar amount of co-payments and/or deductibles and/or tiered
14 provider network co-payments (or other plan design features) on the health plans that it offers.

15 A governmental unit may include in its health plans co-payments, deductibles and tiered provider
16 network co-payments (or other plan design features) up to the above-referenced amounts without
17 bargaining pursuant to either Chapter 150E or Section 19 of Chapter 32B concerning the
18 decision to do so or the impact of the decision.

19 Nothing herein shall prohibit a governmental unit from including in its health plans higher co-
20 payments, deductibles or tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features)
21 than those authorized by the preceding paragraphs of this section; but such higher co-payments,
22 deductibles or tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features) may be
23 included only after the governmental unit has satisfied any bargaining obligations pursuant to
24 either Chapter 150E or Section 19 of Chapter 32B.