

HOUSE No. 02470

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 municipal medicare.

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>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>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>Angelo D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Sheila Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel Winslow</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Matthew Beaton</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Kimberly Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Nicholas Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>
<i>Steven L. Levy</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>

<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul Adams</i>	<i>17th Essex</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. 2470) of Adams and others relative to Medicare health plans for municipal employees Joint Committee on Public Service.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to municipal medicare.

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 Section 18 of chapter 32B is hereby repealed.
- 2 SECTION 2. Said chapter 32B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition,
- 3 is hereby amended by striking out section 18A, as inserted by chapter 374 of the acts of 2008,
- 4 and inserting in place thereof the following section:-
- 5 Section 18B. (a) All retirees, their spouses and dependents insured or eligible to be insured
- 6 under this chapter, if enrolled in Medicare Part A at no cost to the retiree, spouse or dependents
- 7 or eligible for coverage there under at no cost to the retiree, spouse or dependents, shall be
- 8 required to transfer to a Medicare health plan offered by the governmental unit under section
- 9 11C or section 16, if the benefits under the plan and Medicare Part A and Part B together shall be
- 10 of comparable actuarial value to those under the retiree's existing coverage, but a retiree or
- 11 spouse who has a dependent who is not enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in Medicare Part A at

12 no cost shall not be required to transfer to a Medicare health plan if a transfer requires the retiree
13 or spouse to continue the existing family coverage for the dependent in a plan other than a
14 Medicare health plan offered by the governmental unit.

15 (b) Each retiree shall provide the governmental unit, in such form as the governmental unit shall
16 prescribe such information as is necessary to transfer to a Medicare health plan. If a retiree does
17 not submit the information required, he shall no longer be eligible for his existing health
18 coverage. The governmental unit may from time to time request from a retiree, a retiree's
19 spouse or a retiree's dependent, proof, certified by the federal government, of eligibility or
20 ineligibility for Medicare Part A and Part B coverage.

21 (c) The governmental unit shall pay any Medicare Part B premium penalty assessed by the
22 federal government on the retiree, spouse or dependent as a result of enrollment in Medicare Part
23 B at the time of transfer.