

HOUSE No. 2568

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul W. Mark

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 establishing fairness in GIC healthcare premiums.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>

<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Mark of Peru, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2568) of Paul W. Mark and others relative to Group Insurance Commission healthcare premium contributions . Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act establishing fairness in GIC healthcare premiums.

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 8 of Chapter 32A of the general laws is hereby amended by striking the first
2 paragraph and inserting the following section: -

3 Section 8. For policies of group life insurance and accidental death and dismemberment
4 insurance, and group health insurance purchased by the commission in accordance with the
5 provisions of sections four, five and ten C, the commonwealth, on behalf of active and retired
6 employees and their dependents, shall contribute no less than eighty per cent of the total monthly
7 premium or rate applicable to said coverages and the active and retired employees on behalf of
8 themselves or themselves and their dependents shall contribute the remaining twenty-five per
9 cent of the total monthly premium or rate, except, that upon approval by way of an annual, or
10 more frequent appropriation act, the commonwealth may contribute more than eighty per cent
11 but less than the entire total monthly premium or rate. Each appropriation act as may be
12 applicable, shall provide the necessary sum based upon the estimated monthly cost as required

13 by section four and shall describe the ratio of contribution to be paid by the commonwealth and
14 by the active and retired employees insured under the aforesaid sections. The description of the
15 ratio may include a condition that if, as a result of a change in the total monthly premium or rate
16 which occurs during the current or ensuing fiscal year from a change in a contract between the
17 commission and the insurance carrier or carriers, the amount of the contribution paid by the
18 active and retired employee and dependents is to remain unchanged and the difference in the
19 amount thus paid and the total monthly premium or rate as changed is to be added to, or
20 deducted from as the case may be, the contribution by the commonwealth. The aforesaid ratio
21 shall continue until changed by a subsequent appropriation act and the aforesaid sum shall also
22 include the commonwealth's contribution of the total monthly premium or rate required for
23 coverages contained in other sections of this chapter as such contribution is provided in said
24 sections.