

HOUSE No. 00318

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tom Sannicandro

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 providing insurance coverage for magnetic resonance imaging for certain persons..

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Tom Sannicandro

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

7th Middlesex

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By Mr. Tom Sannicandro of Ashland, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00318) of Tom Sannicandro for legislation to provide insurance coverage for magnetic resonance imaging for certain persons for the detection of breast cancer. Joint Committee on Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 1031 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to providing insurance coverage for magnetic resonance imaging for certain persons..

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 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 47X the following section:-

3 Section 47Z. Any individual policy of accident and sickness insurance issued pursuant to section
4 108, and any group blanket policy of accident and sickness insurance issued pursuant to section
5 110, except policies providing supplemental coverage to Medicare or to other government
6 programs, delivered, issued or renewed by agreement within or without the commonwealth shall
7 provide coverage for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) for high risk women who are
8 identified as those who have a personal history with cancer or, two or more first degree relatives

9 with breast cancer or, early onset of breast cancer (before the age of 50) in one or more first
10 degree relatives or, a history of breast cancer in more than one generation or, cancer in both
11 breasts in one or more first degree relatives or, tested positive for Breast Cancer Gene 1 or Breast
12 Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have one or more first degree relatives test positive for Breast
13 Cancer Gene 1 or Breast Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have a personal history with Atypical
14 Lobular Hyperplasia or Atypical Ductal Hyperplasia or Lobular Carcinoma in Situ. Said
15 coverage will be provided once annually to women 25 years and older.

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 8Y
17 the following section:-

18 Section 8Z. Any contract, except contracts providing supplemental coverage to Medicare or
19 other governmental programs, between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or
20 group hospital service plan which shall be delivered or issued or renewed in the commonwealth
21 shall provide, as a basic benefit to all individual subscribers and members within the
22 commonwealth and to all group members having a principal place of employment within the
23 commonwealth, for expense for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) for high risk women who
24 are identified as those who have a personal history with cancer or, two or more first degree
25 relatives with breast cancer or, early onset of breast cancer (before the age of 50) in one or more
26 first degree relatives or, a history of breast cancer in more than one generation or, cancer in both
27 breasts in one or more first degree relatives or, tested positive for Breast Cancer Gene 1 or Breast
28 Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have one or more first degree relatives test positive for Breast
29 Cancer Gene 1 or Breast Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have a personal history with Atypical
30 Lobular Hyperplasia or Atypical Ductal Hyperplasia or Lobular Carcinoma in Situ. Said
31 Magnetic Resonance Imaging shall be provided in either a hospital or other setting and which

32 shall meet standards promulgated by the commissioner of public health. Said coverage will be
33 provided once annually to women 25 years and older.

34 SECTION 3. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section
35 4Y the following section:-

36 Section 4Z. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service agreement
37 that shall be delivered, issued or renewed in the commonwealth shall provide as a benefit for all
38 individual subscribers or members within the commonwealth and all group members having a
39 principal place of employment within the commonwealth, coverage for expenses for Magnetic
40 Resonance Imaging (MRI) for high risk women who are identified as those who have a personal
41 history with cancer or, two or more first degree relatives with breast cancer or, early onset of
42 breast cancer (before the age of 50) in one or more first degree relatives or, a history of breast
43 cancer in more than one generation or, cancer in both breasts in one or more first degree relatives
44 or, tested positive for Breast Cancer Gene 1 or Breast Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have one or
45 more first degree relatives test positive for Breast Cancer Gene 1 or Breast Cancer Gene 2
46 mutations or, have a personal history with Atypical Lobular Hyperplasia or Atypical Ductal
47 Hyperplasia or Lobular Carcinoma in Situ and as authorized by a duly licensed physician. Said
48 coverage will be provided once annually to women 25 years and older.

49 The benefits provided in this section shall meet all other terms and conditions within a
50 subscription certificate. Medical service agreements shall not reduce or eliminate coverage due
51 to the requirements of this section.