

HOUSE No. 03661

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ronald Mariano

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 to continue the provision of supplemental health insurance to municipal employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Ronald Mariano</i>	<i>3rd Norfolk</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>

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By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) (accompanied by bill, House, No. [BILL NUMBER]) of Ronald Mariano, Louis L. Kafka and Bruce J. Ayers for legislation to continue the provision of supplemental health insurance to municipal employees. Public Service.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act to continue the provision of supplemental health insurance to 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.

2 Section 19 of Chapter 32B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is
3 hereby amended by striking the third sentence of subsection (e) thereof and replacing it with the
4 following sentence:-

5 On the effective date of the transfer, the health insurance of all subscribers, including elderly
6 governmental retirees previously governed by section 10B of chapter 32A and retired municipal
7 teachers previously governed by section 12 of chapter 32A, shall be provided through the
8 commission for all purposes and governed under this section, except as set forth in subsection (j).

9 SECTION 2.

10 Section 19 of Chapter 32B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is
11 hereby further amended by inserting after subsection (i) the following new subsection:-

12 (j) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary or the transfer by a political
13 subdivision of its subscribers to the commission under subsection (e), a political subdivision
14 shall retain the authority provided by this chapter to contract with one or more insurance carriers
15 for the provision of policies of supplemental health insurance to reduce the exposure of its
16 subscribers to out-of-pocket costs related to hospital and medical expenses covered by group or
17 blanket insurance policies. Coverage under such supplemental health insurance policies shall be
18 made available at the option of said subscribers and the premium for such coverage shall be paid
19 exclusively by the subscribers, provided that the political subdivision is authorized to enter into
20 such agreements as may be necessary with any carrier or third party administrator for the
21 payment of such premium by means of payroll deduction and for the provision of administrative
22 services in connection with such insurance.