

HOUSE No. 4570

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to health insurance in the town of Huntington.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, all actions,
2 proceedings and policies of the town of Huntington., undertaken or adopted pursuant to the
3 authority of chapter 32B of the General Laws are hereby ratified, validated and confirmed,
4 notwithstanding any defect or omission in the process of acceptance of said chapter 32B or any
5 of its sections.

6 SECTION 2. The provisions of chapter 32B of the General Laws and any sections thereof
7 that are applicable to the past and present health insurance benefits offered by the town of
8 Huntington, including, but not limited to, sections 7, 7A, 9, 9A, 10, and 16 are hereby deemed to
9 have been accepted by and be in effect with respect to the town of Huntington.

10 SECTION 3. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, including
11 section 2, the town of Huntington shall contribute 50 per cent of the cost of the premium for
12 group health insurance provided by the town to any eligible retiree who retires after June 30,
13 2016 and who elects coverage under the town’s group health insurance. The town shall not

14 contribute any portion of the cost of the premium for group health insurance provided by the
15 town to any eligible retiree who retires on or before June 30, 2016.

16 (b) After June 30, 2016, upon separation from employment with the town of Huntington,
17 an eligible retiree may elect at the time of separation of employment to continue participation in
18 the town's group health care insurance program, subject to the terms and underwriting conditions
19 of the town's in-force insurance providers; provided, however, that an eligible retiree who retired
20 after June 30, 2016 and prior to the effective date of this act may elect to continue participation
21 in the town's group health care insurance program, subject to the terms and underwriting
22 conditions of the town's in-force insurance providers, within 30 days of the effective date of this
23 act. An eligible retiree who fails to exercise his or her election within 30 calendar days of
24 retirement from the town shall be deemed to have waived his or her rights or participate in the
25 town's group health insurance program.

26 SECTION 4. (a) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of
27 Huntington shall contribute 60 per cent of the cost of the premium for group health insurance
28 provided by the town to pay eligible employee who is hired after June 30, 2017 and who elects
29 coverage under the town's group health insurance.

30 (b) This section shall not affect the percentage contribution made by the town of
31 Huntington towards the cost of the premium for group health insurance provided by the town for
32 eligible employees hired on or before June 30, 2017 who participate in a health insurance plan
33 offered by the town.

34 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.