

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 575**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John W. Scibak***

*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 amending Chapter 234 of the Acts of 2012.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*John W. Scibak*

*2nd Hampshire*

*Denise Provost*

*27th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 575) of John W. Scibak and Denise Provost for legislation to require that individual policies of accident and sickness insurance cover the cost of treating cleft lip and cleft palate for children. Financial Services.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 950 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act amending Chapter 234 of the Acts of 2012.

*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 176B is hereby further amended by striking out section 4EE,  
2 inserted by section 5 of chapter 234 of the acts of 2012, and inserting in place thereof the  
3 following section:-

4 “Section 4GG. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service  
5 agreement, except certificates that provide supplemental coverage to Medicare or other  
6 governmental programs, issued, delivered or renewed within or without the commonwealth, that  
7 covers a child under the age of 18 shall provide coverage for the cost of treating cleft lip and  
8 cleft palate for the child. The coverage shall include benefits for medical, dental, oral and facial  
9 surgery, surgical management and follow-up care by oral and plastic surgeons, orthodontic

10 treatment and management, preventative and restorative dentistry to ensure good health and  
11 adequate dental structures for orthodontic treatment or prosthetic management therapy, speech  
12 therapy, audiology and nutrition services, if such services are prescribed by the treating  
13 physician or surgeon and such physician or surgeon certifies that such services are medically  
14 necessary and consequent to the treatment of the cleft lip, cleft palate or both. The coverage  
15 required by this section shall be subject to the terms and conditions applicable to other benefits.  
16 Payment for dental or orthodontic treatment not related to the management of the congenital  
17 conditions of cleft lip and cleft palate shall not be covered under this section.”