

HOUSE No. 626

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Chris Walsh

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 to amend Section 3, Chapter 111M of the General Laws relative to Massachusetts residents living in a foreign country and health insurance penalties.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Michael O. Moore</i> | <i>Second Worcester</i> |

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By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 626) of Chris Walsh, Kay Khan and Michael O. Moore relative to health insurance penalties for residents living in a foreign country. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1037 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act to amend Section 3, Chapter 111M of the General Laws relative to Massachusetts residents living in a foreign country and health insurance penalties.

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. The title of Section 3 of Chapter 111M of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting the following language:

3 “and exemption for Massachusetts residents living in a foreign country” after “exemption
4 for refusal of coverage based upon sincerely held religious beliefs;”

5 SECTION 2: Section 3 of Chapter 111M of the General Laws is hereby amended by
6 inserting after section 3 the following section:

7 “Section 3(a). A Massachusetts resident living in a foreign country for at least 330 days
8 of a 12-month period is not required to obtain and maintain creditable coverage for that 12-

9 month period. A Massachusetts resident who is uninsured and living abroad under this definition,
10 will not be assessed a penalty."