

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 875**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***Bradley H. Jones, Jr.***

*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 relative to a minimum creditable coverage advisory commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 875) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others for legislation to establish a special commission (including members of the General Court) to be known as the Massachusetts minimum creditable coverage advisory commission to investigate and study various aspects of health insurance in the Commonwealth. Financial Services.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 923 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to a minimum creditable coverage advisory commission.

*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, there shall be a  
2 special commission, known as the Massachusetts Minimum Creditable Coverage Advisory  
3 Commission, to investigate and study various aspects of health insurance in the commonwealth.  
4 The commission shall consist of the secretary of the executive office of health and human  
5 services, or his designee; the executive director of the Commonwealth health insurance  
6 connector authority, or his designee; the president of the Massachusetts Association of Health  
7 Plans, or his designee; 2 members appointed by the attorney general, 1 of whom shall be an  
8 employee health benefits plan specialist, and 1 of whom shall be a representative of a health  
9 consumer organization; the Boston district director of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or

10 his designee; 1 member who is a small business owner in Massachusetts, appointed by the  
11 governor; 1 member who is a taxpayer advocate, appointed by the governor; the president of the  
12 Massachusetts AFL-CIO, or his designee; 1 member of the senate to be appointed by the senate  
13 president; 1 member to be appointed by the senate minority leader; 1 member of the house of  
14 representatives to be appointed by the speaker of the house; 1 member to be appointed by the  
15 house minority leader. The scope of the commission shall include, but not be limited to,  
16 studying: (i) the feasibility of amending the existing mandated coverage standards required by  
17 section 2 of chapter 111M of the General Laws and the regulations promulgated by the  
18 Commonwealth Health Insurance Connector, (ii) the feasibility of establishing three categories  
19 of benefits: mandated coverage, mandated provider and mandated offer, using the program  
20 implemented in Maine as a model, (iii) or other state models which would only require such  
21 benefits to be offered to consumers for purchase, rather than mandate coverage. To the extent  
22 feasible, the commission shall tailor its recommendations to align with federal minimum  
23 requirements established by the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act.

24           The Commission shall submit its report and findings, along with any draft of legislation,  
25 to the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on health care  
26 financing, and the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate on or before June 1, 2016.