

HOUSE No. 885

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Louis L. Kafka

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 mammograms and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 885) of Louis L. Kafka and others relative to insurance coverage for mammograms and magnetic resonance imaging. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to mammograms and magnetic resonance imaging (MRI).

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: Section 47G of Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 20, by striking the language after the word
3 “examination” and inserting in place thereof the following language:-
4 : (1) said benefits shall provide for a baseline mammogram for women between the ages
5 of thirty-five and forty and for a mammogram on an annual basis for women forty years of age or
6 older. (2) Said benefits shall provide for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in place of, or in
7 addition to, a mammogram when a mammogram is unable to detect cancers due to insufficient
8 breast tissue or dense breast tissue as ordered by a patient’s physician. (3) Said benefits shall be
9 exempt from any co-payment, co-insurance, deductible or dollar limit provisions in a policy or
10 contract.

11 Section 2: Section 110 of Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
12 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 322, by striking the language after the word
13 “examination” and inserting in place thereof the following language:-

14 : (1) said benefits shall provide for a baseline mammogram for women between the ages
15 of thirty-five and forty and for a mammogram on an annual basis for women forty years of age or
16 older. (2) Said benefits shall provide for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in place of a
17 mammogram when a mammogram is unable to detect cancers due to insufficient breast tissue or
18 dense breast tissue.

19 Section 3: Section 8J of Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
20 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 12, by striking the language after the word
21 “examination” and inserting in place thereof the following language:-

22 : (1) said benefits shall provide for a baseline mammogram for women between the ages
23 of thirty-five and forty and for a mammogram on an annual basis for women forty years of age or
24 older. (2) Said benefits shall provide for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in place of a
25 mammogram when a mammogram is unable to detect cancers due to insufficient breast tissue or
26 dense breast tissue.

27 Section 4: Section 4I of Chapter 176B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
28 Official Edition, is hereby amended, in line 12, by striking the language after the word
29 “examination” and inserting in place thereof the following language:-

30 : (1) Said benefits shall provide for a baseline mammogram for women between the ages
31 of thirty-five and forty and for a mammogram on an annual basis for women forty years of age or
32 older. (2) Said benefits shall provide for magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) in place of a

- 33 mammogram when a mammogram is unable to detect cancers due to insufficient breast tissue or
- 34 dense breast tissue.