

HOUSE No. 900

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David Paul Linsky

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 provide for tobacco cessation benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>David Paul Linsky</i>	<i>5th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balse</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>

<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 900) of David Paul Linsky and others relative to requiring certain insurance policies to include coverage for nicotine based and non-nicotine based smoking cessation products. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 945 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act to provide for tobacco cessation benefits.

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 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 17K the following section:-

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4 Section 17L. The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the
5 commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission a smoking and tobacco
6 use cessation treatment benefit. Smoking and tobacco use cessation treatment and information
7 benefits shall include nicotine replacement therapy, other evidence-based pharmacologic aids to
8 quitting smoking, and accompanying counseling by a physician, certified tobacco use cessation
9 counselor, or other qualified clinician.