

HOUSE No. 988

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise C. Garlick

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 regarding Medicare savings programs eligibility.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>Mayor of Boston</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>

<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Robert F. Fennell</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Garlick of Needham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 988) of Denise C. Garlick and others relative to Medicare savings programs eligibility. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act regarding Medicare savings programs eligibility.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, shall be
2 amended by inserting after section 25 the following section:

3 SECTION 25A.

4 The division shall disregard income in an amount equivalent to one hundred sixty-five
5 percent (165%) of the federal poverty level, as adjusted annually, in determining eligibility for
6 the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary and Qualified
7 Individual programs, described in 42 U.S.C. §1396(a)(10)(E) and also known as the Medicare
8 Savings or Medicare Buy-In Programs;

9 The division shall not apply an asset test in determining eligibility for the Qualified
10 Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary and Qualified Individual
11 programs, described in 42 U.S.C. §1396(a)(10)(E) and also known as the Medicare Savings or
12 Medicare Buy-In Programs;

- 13 The division shall amend its state plan and promulgate regulations to implement said
- 14 income disregards and asset test elimination.