

SENATE No. 2075

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 providing diaper benefits for certain parents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	
<i>William Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>4/12/2017</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>4/13/2017</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>4/18/2017</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	<i>4/18/2017</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>4/18/2017</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>4/19/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>5/2/2017</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No.) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Joan B. Lovely for legislation to provide diaper benefits for certain parents. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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

An Act providing diaper benefits for certain parents.

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

1 The department of public health shall conduct an investigation and study of the feasibility
2 and benefits of providing a diaper benefit to low-income infants and children under the age of 2
3 years old. The department shall evaluate, at a minimum: (i) the cost to provide a monthly benefit
4 to each infant and child under the age of 2 years old participating in the WIC program pursuant
5 to chapter 111I of the General Laws; (ii) the cost to provide a month’s supply of diapers directly
6 to the parents or guardians of such infants and children; (iii) the number of children who would
7 receive such benefit; and (iv) the most efficient and least expensive method of administering the
8 benefit. The department shall make recommendations and shall submit its findings to the joint
9 committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and to the house and senate
10 committees on ways and means not later than December 31, 2018.