SENATE No. 02121

Senate, January 31, 2012 – New draft of Senate, No. 540 reported from the committee on the Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

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 SECTION1. Chapter 118H of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
- 2 section 6 the following section:
- 3 Section 7. The Commonwealth Care Health Insurance Program shall provide, as benefits
- 4 to all individual members, coverage for the cost of smoking and tobacco use cessation treatment
- 5 and information. Smoking and tobacco use cessation treatment and information shall include
- 6 nicotine replacement therapy, other evidence-based pharmacologic aids to quitting smoking, and
- 7 accompanying counseling by a physician, certified tobacco use cessation counselor, or other
- 8 qualified clinician.