

SENATE No. 2224

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Fourteen
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SENATE, Monday, June 26, 2014

The committee on Health Care Financing, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 550) of Richard T. Moore, Jason M. Lewis, Eileen M. Donoghue, Kay Khan and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide coverage for tobacco use cessation under Commonwealth Care,- reports the accompanying bill (Senate, No. 2224).

For the committee,
James T. Welch

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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:-

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