

SENATE No. 2376

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Benjamin B. Downing

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 relative to the provision of health insurance in the town of Huntington.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Benjamin B. Downing

Stephen Kulik

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and
Hampden*

1st Franklin

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By Mr. Downing, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2376) of Benjamin B. Downing and Stephen Kulik (by vote of the town) for legislation relative to the provision of health insurance in the town of Huntington. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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

An Act relative to the provision of health insurance in the town of Huntington.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
2 contrary, all actions, proceedings, and policies of the Town of Huntington, undertaken or
3 adopted under the authority of Chapter 32B of the Massachusetts General Laws are hereby
4 ratified, validated, and confirmed, notwithstanding any defect or omission in the process of
5 acceptance of the said Chapter, or any of its sections.

6 SECTION 2. The provisions of General Laws Chapter 32B and any sections thereof that
7 are applicable to past and present health insurance benefits offered by the Town of Huntington,
8 including, but not limited to, Sections 7, 7A, 9, 9A, 10, and 16, are hereby deemed to have been
9 accepted by and be in effect with respect to the Town of Huntington.

10 SECTION 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the
11 contrary, including Section 2 above, the Town of Huntington shall contribute 50 percent of the
12 cost of the premium for group health insurance provided by the Town to any eligible retiree who

13 retires after June 30, 2016 and who elects coverage under the Town's group health insurance;
14 and the Town shall not contribute any portion of the cost of the premium for group health
15 insurance provided by the Town to any eligible retiree who retires on or before June 30, 2016.

16 SECTION 4. Upon separation from employment with the Town of Huntington after June
17 30, 2016, an eligible retiree may elect at the time of separation of employment to continue
18 participation in the town's group health care insurance program, subject to the terms and
19 underwriting conditions of the town's in-force insurance providers. An eligible retiree who fails
20 to exercise his or her election within 30 calendar days of retirement from the Town shall be
21 deemed to have waived his or her right to participate in the Town's group health insurance
22 program.

23 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon passage.