

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00517**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

***Mark C. Montigny***

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to coverage for chronic illness.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Mark C. Montigny*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Montigny, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 517) of Montigny for legislation relative to coverage for chronic illness [Joint Committee on Health Care Financing].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
 SENATE  
 , NO. 551 OF 2009-2010.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to coverage for chronic illness.

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*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. Section 84 of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006 is amended by inserting after  
2 subsection (d) the following new subsection:-

3           (e), notwithstanding any General or Special Law no carrier shall be permitted to charge  
4 a co-payment or deductible for any prescriptions or devices that are prescribed by a physician  
5 that are necessary for the treatment or maintenance of a chronic disease, illness or condition. The  
6 department of public health shall adopt regulations further defining a chronic disease, illness or  
7 condition.