

**SENATE . . . . . No. 568**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

*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 to study disparities in health care resulting from changes in marital status.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Cynthia S. Creem*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Middlesex and Norfolk*

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 568) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to order a study on disparities in health care arising out of a change in marital status. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 508 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act to study disparities in health care resulting from changes in marital status.

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

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Center  
2 for Health Information and Analysis is hereby directed and authorized to conduct a  
3 comprehensive study to investigate disparities in the provision of health care coverage to  
4 individuals and/or their spouses when there is a change in marital status. Said study shall  
5 include, but not be limited to, the identification and review of said disparities in both insured and  
6 self-insured plans, as well as recommendations for alleviating disparities. The Center shall  
7 provide an opportunity for interested parties to submit relevant testimony. The Center shall file a  
8 report of its study, including recommendations and drafts of any legislation, if necessary, with  
9 the clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives within one year of the effective date of this  
10 act.