

SENATE No. 573

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Eileen M. Donoghue

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 providing for tobacco cessation benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Sonia Chang-Diaz</i>	<i>Second Suffolk</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Donoghue, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 573) of Eileen M. Donoghue, William N. Brownsberger, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Sonia Chang-Diaz and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide coverage for tobacco use cessation under Commonwealth Care. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 550 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**
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An Act providing 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 Chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 17K the following section:-

3 Section 17L. The commission shall provide to any active and 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 (1) screening for tobacco use; (2) coverage for at least 90 days of all FDA-
7 approved pharmacologic aids per quit attempt; and (3) coverage for at least 300 minutes of
8 individual, group and telephone counseling to be performed by a physician, certified tobacco use

9 cessation counselor, or other qualified clinician. The benefit must be covered at least twice per
10 year. Cost-sharing and prior authorization requirements are prohibited.