

SENATE No. 630

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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 restore affordable Health Connector coverage.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 630) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Ruth B. Balser, Jason M. Lewis, Jack Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to preserve affordable health coverage for Massachusetts residents. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 595 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act to restore affordable Health Connector coverage.

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 9 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “office.”, in line 45, the
3 following:-

4 “Enrollees with a household income that does not exceed 100 per cent of the federal
5 poverty guidelines shall only be responsible for copayments equal to those required of enrollees
6 in the MassHealth program. No other deductible, cost sharing or premium shall apply to these
7 enrollees. Enrollees with income that does not exceed 150 per cent of said guidelines shall have
8 available to them at least one plan with no premium contribution.”

9 SECTION 2. Section 3 of chapter 176Q of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
10 amended by striking out clause (b) and inserting in place thereof the following clause:-

11 “(b) to determine each applicant's eligibility for purchasing insurance offered by the
12 connector, and to establish eligibility criteria and determine eligibility for premium assistance
13 payments or point of service cost-sharing subsidies for applicants at or below 300 per cent of the
14 federal poverty guidelines, provided that individuals receiving premium assistance payments or
15 point-of-service cost-sharing subsidies whose household income does not exceed 100 per cent of
16 the federal poverty guidelines shall only be responsible for copayments equal to those required of
17 enrollees in the MassHealth program, and no other premium, deductible or cost-sharing shall
18 apply to these enrollees; provided further that individuals receiving premium assistance or point-
19 of-service cost-sharing subsidies with income that does not exceed 150 per cent of said
20 guidelines shall have available to them at least one plan with no premium contribution; provided
21 further that for individuals not described above receiving premium assistance payments or point-
22 of-service cost-sharing subsidies whose household income does not exceed 300 per cent of the
23 federal poverty guidelines, premium contributions shall be on a sliding scale based on income;
24 provided further, that premiums shall not exceed those at levels established in the enrollee
25 premium contribution schedule for 2016, with adjustments by a reasonable inflation factor;
26 provided further that plans offered to individuals whose household income exceeds 100 per cent
27 of the federal poverty guidelines but does not exceed 200 per cent of the federal poverty
28 guidelines shall meet 97 percent actuarial value, provided further that plans offered to individuals
29 whose household income exceeds 200 per cent of the federal poverty guidelines but does not
30 exceed 300 per cent of the federal poverty guidelines shall meet 95 percent actuarial value.”