

SENATE No. 640

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 regarding Medicare savings programs eligibility.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/8/2017</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/15/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/15/2017</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 640) of Jason M. Lewis, James M. Cantwell, Thomas M. McGee, Jack Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to Medicare savings programs eligibility. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act regarding Medicare savings programs eligibility.

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. Chapter 118E of the General Laws shall be amended by inserting after
2 section 25 the following section:

3 Section 25A. The division shall disregard income in an amount equivalent to one hundred
4 sixty-five percent (165%) of the federal poverty level, as adjusted annually, in determining
5 eligibility for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary
6 and Qualified Individual programs, described in 42 U.S.C. §1396(a)(10)(E) and also known as
7 the Medicare Savings or Medicare Buy-In Programs;

8 The division shall not apply an asset test in determining eligibility for the Qualified
9 Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary and Qualified Individual
10 programs, described in 42 U.S.C. §1396(a)(10)(E) and also known as the Medicare Savings or
11 Medicare Buy-In Programs;

12 The division shall amend its state plan and promulgate regulations to implement said
13 income disregards and asset test elimination.