

**SENATE . . . . . No. 740**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sal N. DiDomenico***

*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 ensure equitable health coverage for children.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/9/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Adam Gomez</i>	<i>Hampden</i>	<i>2/23/2023</i>

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 740) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Rebecca L. Rausch, Joanne M. Comerford, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to ensure equitable health coverage for children. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 762 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act to ensure equitable health coverage for children.

*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 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby  
2 amended by adding after Section 16D the following section:-

3 "Section 16E. (1) Notwithstanding any other law, there is hereby established a program  
4 of comprehensive health coverage for children and young adults under the age of 21 who are  
5 residents of the Commonwealth, as defined under section 8 of this chapter, who are not  
6 otherwise eligible for comprehensive benefits under Title XIX or XXI of the Social Security Act  
7 or under the demonstration pursuant to Section 9A of this chapter solely due to their immigration  
8 status. Children and young adults shall be eligible to receive comprehensive MassHealth benefits  
9 equivalent to the benefits available to individuals of like age and income under categorical and

10 financial eligibility requirements established by the executive office pursuant to said Title XIX  
11 and Title XXI.

12 (2) The executive office of health and human services shall maximize federal financial  
13 participation for the benefits provided under this section, however, benefits under this section  
14 shall not be conditioned on the availability of federal financial participation."