

SENATE No. 779

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John F. Keenan

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 relative to the utilization of public health benefits by large employers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

John F. Keenan

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk and Plymouth

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By Mr. Keenan, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 779) of John F. Keenan for legislation to utilize public health benefits by large employers. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 689 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**
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An Act relative to the utilization of public health benefits by large employers.

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 12C of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 23 the following section:-

3 Section 24. The Center shall annually prepare a public health program beneficiary
4 employer report. For the purposes of this section, a "public health program beneficiary" shall
5 mean a person who receives medical assistance or medical benefits, or who receives assistance
6 through the health safety net trust fund, under chapter 118E of the General Laws.

7 The report shall provide the following information for each employer of 50 or more
8 public health program beneficiaries: (1) the name and address of the employer; (2) the number of
9 public health program beneficiaries who are employees of the employer; (3) the number of
10 public health program beneficiaries who are spouses or dependents of employees of the

11 employer; (4) whether the employer offers health benefits to its employees; and (5) the cost to
12 the Commonwealth of providing public health program benefits for their employees and enrolled
13 dependents.

14 The report shall not include the names of any individual public health access program
15 beneficiaries and shall be subject to privacy standards pursuant to Public Law 104-191, and the
16 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

17 The report shall be submitted annually on February 1 to the clerks of the house and the
18 senate, to the joint committee on health care financing, and to the house and senate committees
19 on ways and means.

20 SECTION 2. Section 3 of chapter 62E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
21 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 12, the word “and”.

22 SECTION 3. Said section 3 of said chapter 62E, as so appearing, is hereby further
23 amended by inserting after the word “commonwealth”, in line 14, the following subparagraph:-

24 ; and (4) for the purpose of assisting the center for health information and analysis in
25 preparing a public health program beneficiary employer report