

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1214

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*John J. Lawn, Jr. and 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 promote continuity of health coverage for children.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                      | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:            | DATE ADDED:      |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| <i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>   | <i>10th Middlesex</i>        | <i>1/18/2023</i> |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>   | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i> | <i>1/24/2023</i> |
| <i>Sean Garballey</i>      | <i>23rd Middlesex</i>        | <i>1/24/2023</i> |
| <i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>   | <i>3rd Berkshire</i>         | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Carol A. Doherty</i>    | <i>3rd Bristol</i>           | <i>1/31/2023</i> |
| <i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i> | <i>1st Hampshire</i>         | <i>2/2/2023</i>  |
| <i>Vanna Howard</i>        | <i>17th Middlesex</i>        | <i>2/2/2023</i>  |
| <i>Christine P. Barber</i> | <i>34th Middlesex</i>        | <i>2/7/2023</i>  |
| <i>Pavel M. Payano</i>     | <i>First Essex</i>           | <i>2/1/2024</i>  |

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By Representative Lawn of Watertown and Senator DiDomenico, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1214) of John J. Lawn, Jr., Sal N. DiDomenico and others for legislation to promote continuity of health coverage for children eligible for MassHealth. Health Care Financing.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)

An Act to promote continuity of 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 SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding any other law, residents of the commonwealth under  
2 age 19 who are eligible for MassHealth shall qualify for at least 12 months of continuous  
3 eligibility as required by Sections 1902(e)(12) and 2107(e)(1) of the Social Security Act, as  
4 amended by Section 5112 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023, Pub. L. 117–328.

5 (b) The executive office of health and human services shall maximize federal financial  
6 participation for the coverage and benefits under this section; provided, however, that coverage  
7 and benefits provided under this section shall not be contingent upon the availability of federal  
8 financial participation.