

HOUSE No. 1949

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Lindsay N. Sabadosa

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 worker compensation protections for certified medical cannabis patients and their caregivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>1/11/2023</i>

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By Representative Sabadosa of Northampton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1949) of Lindsay N. Sabadosa relative to worker compensation protections for certified medical cannabis patients and their caregivers. Labor and Workforce Development.

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

An Act relative to worker compensation protections for certified medical cannabis patients and their caregivers.

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 6 of Chapter 94I of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 deleting after the existing text “This chapter shall not: (i)” the following text:- "require any
3 health insurance provider, or any government agency or authority, to reimburse any person for
4 the expenses of the medical use of marijuana; (ii)” and, by deleting “(iii)” and substituting
5 therefor “(ii)”

6 SECTION 2. Section 30 of Chapter 152 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
7 inserting, after the text

8 “Where services are provided to employees under this section, the reasonable and
9 necessary cost of such services shall be paid by the insurer.”, the following text: Such reasonable
10 and necessary service costs may include reimbursement for medical cannabis provided to injured
11 employees who are qualifying patients, or their personal caregiver, certified by a healthcare

- 12 professional pursuant to G.L. c. 94I as a qualifying patient, or serving as a qualifying patient's
- 13 personal caregiver under that chapter.