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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

#### PRESENTED BY:

#### Ruth B. Balser

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 providing for equitable coverage in disability policies.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex	1/19/2017
Byron Rushing	9th Suffolk	
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	
Jack Lewis	7th Middlesex	
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	
Kenneth I. Gordon	21st Middlesex	
Lori A. Ehrlich	8th Essex	
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	3rd Berkshire	
Paul R. Heroux	2nd Bristol	
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex	
Aaron Vega	5th Hampden	
Christine P. Barber	34th Middlesex	
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	
Diana DiZoglio	14th Essex	
Carole A. Fiola	6th Bristol	
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	

Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth	
Antonio F. D. Cabral	13th Bristol	
Angelo M. Scaccia	14th Suffolk	
Gailanne M. Cariddi	1st Berkshire	
Peter V. Kocot	1st Hampshire	
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	
Keiko M. Orrall	12th Bristol	
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester	
Carolyn C. Dykema	8th Middlesex	
David Paul Linsky	5th Middlesex	
Dylan Fernandes	Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket	
Brendan P. Crighton	Third Essex	
Kathleen O'Connor Ives	First Essex	
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk	
Barbara A. L'Italien	Second Essex and Middlesex	
Susannah M. Whipps	2nd Franklin	
Tackey Chan	2nd Norfolk	
Jay D. Livingstone	8th Suffolk	
Michael D. Brady	Second Plymouth and Bristol	
Eileen M. Donoghue	First Middlesex	
Joan B. Lovely	Second Essex	
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk	
Thomas J. Calter	12th Plymouth	
Jay R. Kaufman	15th Middlesex	
Carlos González	10th Hampden	
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden	

#### HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 1952 FILED ON: 1/19/2017

# HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 482

By Ms. Balser of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 482) of Ruth B. Balser and others for legislation to prohibit discrimination in the issuance of group or individual disability, accident or sickness insurance policies. Financial Services.

### [SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 784 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act providing for equitable coverage in disability policies.

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 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition,
- 2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 108J the following section:-

3	Section 108K. No company, and no officer or agent thereof, shall make or permit any
4	distinction, classification, discrimination, or otherwise recognize any difference, on the basis of
5	race, color, religion, sex, marital status, or national origin, in the amount or payment of
6	premiums or rate charges, or in the benefits payable, or in any of the other terms or conditions of
7	any group or individual disability, accident or sickness insurance contract issued or delivered
8	within or without the commonwealth on or after January 1, 2011 which covers one or more
9	residents of the commonwealth. As used in this section, sex includes, but is not limited to,
10	conditions unique to one sex, such as pregnancy. Any violation of this section shall constitute an

- 11 unfair method of competition or an unfair or deceptive act or practice in violation of chapter
- 12 176D.