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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***John W. Scibak***

*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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to adult dental restoration.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| *Harriette L. Chandler* | ☐ *[District]* ☐ |
| *Peter V. Kocot* | *1st Hampshire* |
| *Stephen R. Canessa* | *12th Bristol* |
| *Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.* | *26th Middlesex* |
| *George T. Ross* | *2nd Bristol* |
| *Thomas M. McGee* | *Third Essex and Middlesex* |
| *Elizabeth A. Malia* | *11th Suffolk* |
| *Denise Andrews* | *2nd Franklin* |
| *Jennifer L. Flanagan* | ☐ *[District]* ☐ |
| *James M. Murphy* | *4th Norfolk* |
| *Alice K. Wolf* | *25th Middlesex* |
| *Antonio F. D. Cabral* | *13th Bristol* |
| *James B. Eldridge* | ☐ *[District]* |

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| *David Paul Linsky* | *5th Middlesex* |
| *Brian M. Ashe* | *2nd Hampden* |
| *Gale D. Candaras* | *[District]* |
| *Harold P. Naughton, Jr.* | *12th Worcester* |
| *Ellen Story* | *3rd Hampshire* |
| *Frank I. Smizik* | *15th Norfolk* |
| *Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.* | *34th Middlesex* |
| *William Smitty Pignatelli* | *4th Berkshire* |
| *Ruth B. Balser* | *12th Middlesex* |
| *Kay Khan* | *11th Middlesex* |
| *Theodore C. Speliotis* | *13th Essex* |
| *William N. Brownsberger* | *[District]* |

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1529) of Harriette L. Chandler and others relative to the restoration of oral health benefits for MassHealth recipients. Public Health.

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An Act relative to adult dental restoration.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

SECTION 1. The General Court hereby finds that:

(a) Oral Health is Overall Health;

(b) left untreated, dental decay causes pain and suffering to thousands of adults, negatively impacts the health and well being of children and families, and has a significant effect on our workforce and business community;

(c) dental cleanings and extractions alone are not adequate care. Dental decay is a bacterial infection and the only way that you can stop this infection from spreading and affecting health is with comprehensive care; and,

(d) cuts to oral health coverage wastes millions in extensive and costly services in emergency and inpatient hospital settings due to dental infections.

SECTION 2. Item 4000-0300 of section 2 of chapter 131 of the acts of 2010 is hereby amended by striking the words "provided further, that such plan may include, but not be limited to, limiting, eliminating or otherwise restructuring services delivered to adult members of the MassHealth program" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- provided further, that such plan may include, but not be limited to, limiting, eliminating or otherwise restructuring services, other than dental services, delivered to adult members of the MassHealth program.

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21 SECTION 3. Section 145 of said chapter 131 of the acts of 2010 is hereby repealed.