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HOUSE . . . . . No. 2459

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 regarding municipal health insurance plans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*4th Hampden*
Marc T. Lombardo	*22nd Middlesex*
Geoff Diehl	*7th Plymouth*
Randy Hunt	*5th Barnstable*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Shaunna O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*
Susan Williams Gifford	*2nd Plymouth*
Donald H. Wong	*9th Essex*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Kevin J. Kuros	*8th Worcester*
Ryan C. Fattman	*18th Worcester*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
Angelo L. D'Emilia	*8th Plymouth*
Daniel B. Winslow	*9th Norfolk*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*
Matthew A. Beaton	*11th Worcester*
Nicholas A. Boldyga	*3rd Hampden*

Steven L. Levy	*4th Middlesex*
David T. Vieira	*3rd Barnstable*
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*
George N. Peterson, Jr.	*9th Worcester*
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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2459) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to municipal health insurance plans. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *2509* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act regarding municipal health insurance plans.

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. Chapter 32B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

Section 20. Effective July 1, 2011, a governmental unit is authorized to include, as part of the health plans (HMOs, PPOs, indemnity plans) that it offers to its employees and retirees, co-payments, deductibles and tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features) that are no greater in dollar amount than the highest co-payments, deductibles and tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features) provided in any of the same class (HMOs, PPOs, indemnity plans) of health plans offered by the Group Insurance Commission pursuant to G.L. c. 32A. For purposes of this section, a "Point of Service" plan offered by a governmental unit shall be considered to fall within the PPO class.

The above authorized dollar amounts for co-payments, deductibles and tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features) shall be increased whenever the Group Insurance Commission increases the dollar amount of co-payments and/or deductibles and/or tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features) on the health plans that it offers.

A governmental unit may include in its health plans co-payments, deductibles and tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features) up to the above-referenced

18 amounts without bargaining pursuant to either Chapter 150E or Section 19 of Chapter 32B
19 concerning the decision to do so or the impact of the decision.

20 Nothing herein shall prohibit a governmental unit from including in its health plans
21 higher co-payments, deductibles or tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design
22 features) than those authorized by the preceding paragraphs of this section; but such higher co-
23 payments, deductibles or tiered provider network co-payments (or other plan design features)
24 may be included only after the governmental unit has satisfied any bargaining obligations
25 pursuant to either Chapter 150E or Section 19 of Chapter 32B.