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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer L. Flanagan

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 to authorize the town of Townsend to negotiate and purchase group insurnace policies for employees and dependents without being subject to collective bargaining.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Jennifer L. Flanagan	☐ *[District]* ☐
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*

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By Ms. Flanagan, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1299) of Harrington and Flanagan for legislation to authorize the town of Townsend to negotiate and purchase group insurnace policies for employees and dependents without being subject to collective bargaining [Local Approval Received] [Joint Committee on Public Service].

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An Act to authorize the town of Townsend to negotiate and purchase group insurnace policies for employees and dependents without being subject to collective bargaining.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 32B and chapter 150E of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Townsend is authorized to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies for Employees and Dependents without being subject to collective bargaining as defines in chapter 150E of the general laws.

Section 2. Further, the Town of Townsend is also authorized to alter current and future plan design features, and that such action shall not be subject to collective bargaining as defined in chapter 150E of the general laws.

Section 3. Further, the Town of Townsend is also authorized, but not mandated to participate in, and/or join the Group Insurance Commission ("GIC") pursuant to G.L. chapter 32A, and such action shall not be subject to collective bargaining as defined in chapter 150E of the general laws.

Section 4. The provisions of this act shall not affect obligations under any collective bargaining or personal contract agreement(s), which such agreements are in effect.

Section 5. This action shall take effect upon its passage.