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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James B. Eldridge

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 the countable assets of medical assistance recipients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
James B. Eldridge	☐ *[District]* ☐
Susan C. Fargo	☐ *[District]* ☐
Gale D. Candaras	☐ *[District]* ☐
Thomas P. Kennedy	☐ *[District]* ☐
Joyce A. Spiliotis	*12th Essex*

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 499) of James B. Eldridge, Susan C. Fargo, Gale D. Candaras, Thomas P. Kennedy and others for legislation relative to the countable assets of medical assistance recipients. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *540* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act regarding the countable assets of medical assistance recipients.

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

Section 21A of Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out subsection (2)(i) and replacing it with the following new subsection:

"the type and amount of all countable assets; provided that any funds held by the community spouse of an institutionalized applicant or recipient in an Individual Retirement Account, Keogh plan or other pension fund shall be considered a non-countable asset as long as regular income distributions are made from the fund or the community spouse is employed;"