

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1083**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Peter J. Koutoujian**

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*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 bill:

**An Act improving the insurance partnership program.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Peter J. Koutoujian	10th Middlesex
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Robert A. O'Leary	Cape and Islands
Robert J. Nyman	5th Plymouth

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT IMPROVING THE INSURANCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

*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. Subsection (1) of section 9C of chapter 118E of the General Laws, is  
2 hereby amended by deleting the definition of "Eligible Employee" in its entirety and inserting in  
3 place thereof the following:

4 "Eligible employee", an employee: (i) who is employed by an eligible employer; (ii) who resides  
5 in the commonwealth; (iii) who has not attained age 65; and (iv) who meets the financial and  
6 other eligibility standards set forth in regulations promulgated by the division, if the gross family  
7 income standard does not exceed 400 per cent of the federal poverty level.

8           SECTION 2. Subsection (1) of section 9C of chapter 118E of the General Laws, is hereby further  
9 amended by deleting the definition of "Eligible self-employed single individual" in its entirety  
10 and inserting in place thereof the following:

11 "Eligible self-employed single individual", a person with or without dependents (i) who receives  
12 any gross income from self-employment; (ii) who resides in the commonwealth; (iii) who has not  
13 attained age 65; and (iv) who meets the financial and other eligibility standards set forth in  
14 regulations promulgated by the division, provided that the gross family income standard shall not  
15 exceed 400 per cent of the federal poverty level.

16           SECTION 3. Subsection (1) of section 9C of chapter 118E of the General Laws, is hereby further  
17 amended by deleting the definition of "Eligible self-employed husband and wife" in its entirety  
18 and inserting in place thereof the following:

19 "Eligible self-employed husband and wife", a married couple with or without dependents (i)  
20 where either spouse receives any gross income from self employment; (ii) where both spouses  
21 reside in the commonwealth; (iii) where neither spouse has attained age 65; and (iv) who meets

22 the financial and other eligibility standards set forth in regulations promulgated by the division,  
23 provided that the gross family income standard shall not exceed 400 per cent of the federal  
24 poverty level.

25 SECTION 4. Section 9C of said chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
26 further amended by striking paragraph (4) in its entirety and replacing it with the following new  
27 paragraph:

28 (4) The amount of payments for each employer under paragraph (C) of subsection (2) shall be as  
29 follows: (i) \$600 for each eligible employee for whom the eligible employer pays 50 percent or  
30 more of the cost of qualified medical insurance; (ii) \$1,200 for each eligible employee for whom  
31 the eligible employer pays 50 percent or more of the cost of qualified two-person family medical  
32 insurance, and (iii) \$1,500 for each eligible employee for whom the eligible employer pays 50  
33 percent or more of the cost of qualified family medical insurance, provided that the division may  
34 use reasonable data sources in determining the number of eligible employees of an eligible  
35 employer qualifying for such payments under clauses (i), (ii), and (iii).