

SENATE No. 563

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Moore, Richard (SEN)

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 to Provide Coverage for Tobacco Use Cessation Under Commonwealth Care

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Moore, Richard (SEN)	Worcester and Norfolk
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Robert A. O'Leary	Cape and Islands
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Cleon H. Turner	1st Barnstable
Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex
Sonia Chang-Díaz	Second Suffolk
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Susan C. Tucker	Second Essex and Middlesex
Anthony D. Galluccio	Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO PROVIDE COVERAGE FOR TOBACCO USE CESSATION UNDER COMMONWEALTH CARE.

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. Chapter 118H of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the
2 following section:

3 Section 7. Any policy of insurance for accident or sickness, or agreement for medical or health
4 services, which shall be delivered or issued or renewed or certified in this Commonwealth
5 through the Commonwealth Care Health Insurance Program described in Chapter 118H of the
6 General Laws, shall provide as a benefit to all individual subscribers and members within the
7 Commonwealth, for expenses of tobacco use cessation treatment as hereinafter set forth.

8 Tobacco use cessation treatment shall include nicotine replacement therapy, other evidence-
9 based pharmacologic aids to quitting tobacco use, and accompanying counseling by a physician,
10 physician assistant, nurse, nurse practitioner, dentist, certified tobacco treatment specialist,
11 certified substance abuse counselor, licensed mental health counselors or other qualified
12 clinician.