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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balser and Patricia D. Jehlen

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to preserve affordable health coverage for Massachusetts residents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*
Jose F. Tosado	*9th Hampden*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*
Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.	*28th Middlesex*
Paul R. Heroux	*2nd Bristol*
Michelle M. DuBois	*10th Plymouth*
Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	*26th Middlesex*
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*
Michael D. Brady	*Second Plymouth and Bristol*
James J. O'Day	*14th Worcester*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Mary S. Keefe	*15th Worcester*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Marcos A. Devers	*16th Essex*
Kenneth I. Gordon	*21st Middlesex*
Christine P. Barber	*34th Middlesex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*

John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*
John J. Mahoney	*13th Worcester*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*
Carlos Gonzalez	*10th Hampden*
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*

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By Representative Balser of Newton and Senator Jehlen, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 964) of Ruth B. Balser and others for legislation to preserve affordable health coverage for residents of the Commonwealth. Health Care Financing.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act to preserve affordable health coverage for Massachusetts residents.

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. The third paragraph of section 9 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following 3 sentences:- Enrollees with a household income that does not exceed 100 per cent of the federal poverty guidelines shall only be responsible for copayments equal to those required of enrollees in the MassHealth program. No other deductible or cost sharing shall apply to these enrollees. Enrollees with income that does not exceed 150 per cent of said guidelines shall have available to them at least one plan with no premium contribution.

SECTION 2. Section 3 of chapter 176Q of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out clause (b) and inserting in place thereof the following clause: (b) to determine each applicant's eligibility for purchasing insurance offered by the connector, and to establish eligibility criteria and determine eligibility for premium assistance payments or point of service cost-sharing subsidies for applicants at or below 300 per cent of the

13 federal poverty guidelines, provided that individuals receiving premium assistance payments or
14 point-of-service cost-sharing subsidies whose household income does not exceed 100 per cent of
15 the federal poverty guidelines shall only be responsible for copayments equal to those required of
16 enrollees in the MassHealth program, and no other deductible or cost-sharing shall apply to these
17 enrollees; provided further that individuals receiving premium assistance or point-of-service
18 cost-sharing subsidies with income that does not exceed 150 per cent of said guidelines shall
19 have available to them at least one plan with no premium contribution; provided further that for
20 individuals not described above receiving premium assistance payments or point-of-service cost-
21 sharing subsidies whose household income does not exceed 300 per cent of the federal poverty
22 guidelines, premium contributions shall be on a sliding scale based on income; provided further,
23 that premiums shall not exceed those at levels established in the enrollee premium contribution
24 schedule for 2015, with adjustments by a reasonable inflation factor; provided further that plans
25 offered to individuals whose household income exceeds 100 per cent of the federal poverty
26 guidelines but does not exceed 200 per cent of the federal poverty guidelines shall meet 97
27 percent actuarial value, provided further that plans offered to individuals whose household
28 income exceeds 200 per cent of the federal poverty guidelines but does not exceed 300 per cent
29 of the federal poverty guidelines shall meet 95 percent actuarial value.