HOUSE No. 1530

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.

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 regarding MassHealth applications.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. | 34th Middlesex | 2/4/2011 |
| Ruth B. Balser | 12th Middlesex | 2/1/2011 |
| Denise Provost | 27th Middlesex | 2/3/2011 |
| James B. Eldridge | | 2/3/2011 |

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By Mr. Sciortino of Medford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1530) of Carl M. Sciortino, Jr. and others relative to providing for a presumptive eligibility program for MassHealth applicants. Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act regarding MassHealth applications.

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

Section 9 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 211 of the Acts

of 2006, is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "long-term care needs of the

3 individuals," the following:-

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4 The division shall provide, without requiring prior authorization, for up to sixty (60) days

of eligibility for MassHealth home and Community Based Services, including personal care

services, for individuals who, upon discharge from an acute hospital, medical center, nursing

facility, or health care facility including rehabilitation facilities and state hospitals, are presumed

to be financially eligible for the MassHealth program and clinically eligible for home and

community based services, as determined by an Aging Services Access Point or an Independent

Living Center; provided further the division shall promulgate such standards and regulations as

may be necessary for the administration of said presumptive eligibility program.