

HOUSE No. 1844

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer E. Benson and 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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to authorize the town of Harvard to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies for employees and dependents without being subject to collective bargaining.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/4/2011</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>		<i>2/14/2011</i>

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By Representative Benson of Lunenburg and Senator Eldridge, a joint petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1844) of Jennifer E. Benson and James B. Eldridge that the town of Harvard be authorized to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies for employees and dependents without being subject to collective bargaining. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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An Act to authorize the town of Harvard to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies for employees and dependents without being subject to collective bargaining.

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. Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 32B and chapter 150E of the
2 General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Harvard is
3 authorized to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies for Employees and Dependents
4 without being subject to collective bargaining as defined in chapter 150E of the general laws.

5 Section 2. Further, the Town of Harvard is also authorized to alter current and future plan
6 design features, and that such action shall not be subject to collective bargaining as defined in
7 chapter 150E of the general laws.

8 Section 3. Further, the Town of Harvard is also authorized, but not mandated to
9 participate in, and/or join the Group Insurance Commission (“GIC”) pursuant to G.L. chapter
10 32A, and such action shall not be subject to collective bargaining as defined in chapter 150E of
11 the general laws.

12 Section 4. The provisions of this act shall not affect obligations under any collective
13 bargaining agreement(s), while such agreements are in effect.

14 Section 5. This action shall take effect upon its passage.