

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3448**

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By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3448) of William "Smitty" Pignatelli and Benjamin Downing (by vote of the town) relative to group insurance in the town of Great Barrington. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An act authorizing the town of Great Barrington to provide for group insurance.

*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.

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

6           SECTION 2.

7           The Town of Great Barrington is also authorized to alter current and future group  
8 insurance plan design features, and such action shall not be subject to collective bargaining as  
9 defined in chapter 150E of the General Laws.

10          SECTION 3.

11 Further, the Town of Great Barrington is authorized, but not mandated, to participate in,  
12 or join the group insurance commission established pursuant to chapter 32A of the General  
13 Laws, and such action shall not be subject to collective bargaining as defined in chapter 150E of  
14 the General Laws.

15 SECTION 4.

16 The provisions of this act shall not affect any obligation under any collective bargaining  
17 agreement to which the Town of Great Barrington is a party, while such agreements are in effect.

18 SECTION 5.

19 This act shall take effect upon its passage.