

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1377**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 authorizing the Town of Boxford to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	
<i>James J. Lyons, Jr.</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1377) of Lyons, Hill and Tarr (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Boxford to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies [Local Approval Received] [Joint Committee on Public Service].

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 2653 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act authorizing the Town of Boxford to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies..

*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 Boxford is  
3 authorized at the discretion of the Board of Selectmen, without bargaining under said chapters  
4 32B or 150E concerning the decision or the impact thereof, to negotiate and purchase group  
5 insurance policies for employees, retirees and their dependants; alter current and future group  
6 insurance plan design features including but not limited to co-payments, deductibles and tiered  
7 provider network co-payments; and participate in or join a state program providing group  
8 insurance policies including those provided by the Group Insurance Commission or other similar  
9 program.

10           SECTION 2. The provisions of this act shall not affect the town's obligations under any  
11 collective bargaining agreements between the town and any unions in effect on the effective date  
12 of this act; provided however, that for the purposes of this act, the town's collective bargaining  
13 obligations with respect to group insurance policies under any such collective bargaining  
14 agreement(s) shall cease as of the date of expiration of the agreement(s), regardless of whether a  
15 successor collective bargaining agreement has been approved.

16           SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.