

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2011**

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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 Hamilton to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*Bradford Hill*

*4th Essex*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 2011**

By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. ) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to authorize the town of Hamilton to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies. [Local Approval Received.] Public Service.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**

An Act authorizing the town of Hamilton 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  
2 the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Hamilton 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 dependents; 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  
11 any collective bargaining agreements between the town and any unions in effect on the effective  
12 date of this act; provided, however, that for the purposes of this act, the town's collective  
13 bargaining obligations with respect to group insurance policies under any such collective

14 bargaining agreement(s) shall cease as of the date of expiration of the agreement(s), regardless of  
15 whether a successor collective bargaining agreement has been approved.

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