SENATE . . . . No. 997

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

Steven A. Tolman

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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 providing for the study of access to methadone medicated assistance among Masshealth clients.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Steven A. Tolman	
Benjamin B. Downing	*Berkshire, Hampshire, Franklin and Hampden*

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By Mr. Tolman, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 997) of Steven A. Tolman and Benjamin B. Downing for legislation to provide for the study of access to methadone medicated assistance among Masshealth clients. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

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An Act providing for the study of access to methadone medicated assistance among Masshealth clients.

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 any general or special law to the contrary, the department

2   of medicaid, in consultation with the bureau of substance abuse services, shall conduct a study of

3   methadone medicated assistance among medicaid clients. The study shall include, but not be

4   limited to the duration of treatment, the number of individuals that transition off of methadone

5   medicated assistance, an estimation of the number of individuals using methadone, and the cost

6   of such treatment.

7   The department of medicaid shall report to the general court the results of its study and its

8   recommendations, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry out its recommendations

9   by filing the same with the clerks of the senate and house of representatives, the joint committee

10   on mental health and substance abuse and the senate and house committees on ways and means

11   not later than December 31, 2011.