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SENATE . . . . . No. 508

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cynthia S. Creem

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 study disparities in health care resulting from changes in marital status..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cynthia S. Creem	*First Middlesex and Norfolk*

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By Ms. Creem, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 508) of Cynthia S. Creem for legislation to order a study on disparities in health care arising out of a change in marital status. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *493* OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to study disparities in health care resulting from changes in marital status..

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy is hereby directed and authorized to conduct a comprehensive study to investigate disparities in the provision of health care coverage to individuals and/or their spouses when there is a change in marital status. Said study shall include, but not be limited to, the identification and review of said disparities in both insured and self-insured plans, as well as recommendations for alleviating disparities. The Division shall provide an opportunity for interested parties to submit relevant testimony. The Division shall file a report of its study, including recommendations and drafts of any legislation, if necessary, with the clerks of the Senate and House of Representatives within one year of the effective date of this act.