

**SENATE . . . . . No. 509**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Cynthia S. Creem, (BY REQUEST)***

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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 to mandate health benefit coverage for certain tests for the early detection of cardiovascular disease.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*John Madfis*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*95 Central St. Auburndale, MA 02466*

**SENATE . . . . . No. 509**

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By Ms. Creem (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 509) of John Madfis for legislation to mandate health benefit coverage for certain tests for the early detection of cardiovascular disease. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 495 OF 2011-2012.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen**  
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An Act to mandate health benefit coverage for certain tests for the early detection of cardiovascular disease.

*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. Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding  
2 the following section:-

3                   Section 27. (a) The commission shall provide to an active or retired employee  
4 of the commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission benefits on a  
5 nondiscriminatory basis for the screening medical procedures required by this act to each  
6 covered individual who is a:

7                                   (1)           a male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76  
8 years of age; or

9                                   (2)           a female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76  
10 years of age; and

11                                  (3)           who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart  
12 disease, based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction  
13 algorithm, that is intermediate or higher.

14 (b) The minimum coverage required to be provided under this act is coverage  
15 of up to \$200 for one of the following noninvasive screening tests for atherosclerosis and  
16 abnormal artery structure and function every five years by a licensed provider:

17 (1) computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary  
18 artery calcification; or

19 (2) ultrasonography measuring carotid intima-media thickness  
20 and plaque.

21 SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
22 after section 47AA the following section:-

23 Section 47BB. (a) An individual policy of accident and sickness insurance  
24 issued under section 108 that provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and any  
25 group blanket or general policy of accident and sickness insurance issued under section 110 that  
26 provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance, which is issued or renewed within or  
27 without the commonwealth, shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the screening  
28 medical procedures required by this act to each covered individual who is a:

29 (1) a male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76  
30 years of age; or

31 (2) a female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76  
32 years of age; and

33 (3) who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart  
34 disease, based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction  
35 algorithm, that is intermediate or higher.

36 (b) The minimum coverage required to be provided under this act is coverage  
37 of up to \$200 for one of the following noninvasive screening tests for atherosclerosis and  
38 abnormal artery structure and function every five years by a licensed provider:

39 (1) computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary  
40 artery calcification; or

41 (2) ultrasonography measuring carotid intima-media thickness  
42 and plaque.

43 SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
44 inserting after section 8DD the following section:-

45 Section 8EE. (a) A contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an  
46 individual or group hospital service plan which is issued or renewed within or without the

47 commonwealth shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the screening medical  
48 procedures required by this act to each covered individual who is a:

49 (1) a male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76  
50 years of age; or

51 (2) a female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76  
52 years of age; and

53 (3) who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart  
54 disease, based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction  
55 algorithm, that is intermediate or higher.

56 (b) The minimum coverage required to be provided under this act is coverage  
57 of up to \$200 for one of the following noninvasive screening tests for atherosclerosis and  
58 abnormal artery structure and function every five years by a licensed provider:

59 (1) computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary  
60 artery calcification; or

61 (2) ultrasonography measuring carotid intima-media thickness  
62 and plaque.

63 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
64 inserting after section 4DD the following section:-

65 Section 4EE. (a) A subscription certificate under an individual or group  
66 medical service agreement which is issued or renewed within or without the commonwealth shall  
67 provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the screening medical procedures required by  
68 this act to each covered individual who is a:

69 (1) a male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76  
70 years of age; or

71 (2) a female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76  
72 years of age; and

73 (3) who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart  
74 disease, based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction  
75 algorithm, that is intermediate or higher.

76 (b) The minimum coverage required to be provided under this act is coverage  
77 of up to \$200 for one of the following noninvasive screening tests for atherosclerosis and  
78 abnormal artery structure and function every five years by a licensed provider:

- 79 (1) computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary  
80 artery calcification; or
- 81 (2) ultrasonography measuring carotid intima-media thickness  
82 and plaque.

83 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
84 inserting after section 4V the following section:-

85 Section 4W. (a) A health maintenance contract issued or renewed within or  
86 without the commonwealth shall provide benefits on a nondiscriminatory basis for the screening  
87 medical procedures required by this act to each covered individual who is a:

- 88 (1) a male older than 45 years of age and younger than 76  
89 years of age; or
- 90 (2) a female older than 55 years of age and younger than 76  
91 years of age; and
- 92 (3) who is diabetic or has a risk of developing coronary heart  
93 disease, based on a score derived using the Framingham Heart Study coronary prediction  
94 algorithm, that is intermediate or higher.

95 (b) The minimum coverage required to be provided under this act is coverage  
96 of up to \$200 for one of the following noninvasive screening tests for atherosclerosis and  
97 abnormal artery structure and function every five years by a licensed provider:

- 98 (1) computed tomography (CT) scanning measuring coronary  
99 artery calcification; or
- 100 (2) ultrasonography measuring carotid intima-media thickness  
101 and plaque.