SENATE No. 544

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 improving access to coverage for medicaid beneficiaries.

PETITION OF:

 NAME:
 DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

 Michael O. Moore
 Second Worcester

SENATE No. 544

By Mr. Michael O. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 544) of Michael O. Moore for legislation to improve access to coverage for medicaid beneficiaries. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE, NO. 523 OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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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. Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the following new section:

Section 63. - The Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall discontinue membership in the MassHealth fee-for-service program and primary care clinician plan, and shall begin to enroll all members meeting eligibility requirements, as established pursuant to applicable federal and state law and regulation, into a Medicaid managed care organization that has contracted with the commonwealth to deliver such managed care services, in accordance with the enrollment and assignment process for other eligible categories and at the appropriate levels of premium.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2014.