

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1037

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Chris Walsh*

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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 amend Section 3, Chapter 111M of the General Laws relative to Massachusetts residents living in a foreign country and health insurance penalties.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Carmin L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/10/2019</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/10/2019</i>

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By Mr. Walsh of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1037) of Chris Walsh, Carmine L. Gentile and Denise Provost relative to health insurance penalties for residents living in a foreign country. Health Care Financing.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act to amend Section 3, Chapter 111M of the General Laws relative to Massachusetts residents living in a foreign country and health insurance penalties.

*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. The title of Section 3 of Chapter 111M of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by inserting the following language:

3           “and exemption for Massachusetts residents living in a foreign country” after “exemption  
4 for refusal of coverage based upon sincerely held religious beliefs;”

5           SECTION 2: Section 3 of Chapter 111M of the General Laws is hereby amended by  
6 inserting after section 3 the following section:

7           “Section 3(a). A Massachusetts resident living in a foreign country for at least 330 days  
8 of a 12-month period is not required to obtain and maintain creditable coverage for that 12-  
9 month period. A Massachusetts resident who is uninsured and living abroad under this definition,  
10 will not be assessed a penalty.”