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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Chris Walsh

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Chris Walsh	*6th Middlesex*
Carmine L. Gentile	*13th Middlesex*
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*

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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.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

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:

SECTION 1. The title of Section 3 of Chapter 111M of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following language:

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

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

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