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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Louis L. Kafka

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 relative to colorectal cancer screenings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Louis L. Kafka	*8th Norfolk*
Walter F. Timilty	*7th Norfolk*
Claire D. Cronin	*11th Plymouth*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*
Frank I. Smizik	*15th Norfolk*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	*5th Essex*
Robert F. Fennell	*10th Essex*
Timothy R. Madden	*Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket*
James J. Dwyer	*30th Middlesex*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*
Kenneth I. Gordon	*21st Middlesex*
Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 884) of Louis L. Kafka and others relative to insurance coverage for colorectal cancer screenings and breast cancer screenings. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *999* OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to colorectal cancer screenings.

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 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 110M the following section:-

Section 110N. Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued, delivered or renewed within the commonwealth which provides coverage for colorectal cancer screenings or breast cancer screenings shall not impose (1) A deductible for a procedure that a physician initially undertakes as a screening colonoscopy or a screening sigmoidoscopy or a screening mammogram; or (2) A coinsurance, copayment, deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for any additional colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy or mammogram ordered in a policy year by a physician for an insured.

10 SECTION 2. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
11 section 8AA the following section:-

12 Section 8BB. Any contract between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual
13 or group hospital service plan delivered or issued or renewed within the commonwealth which
14 provides coverage for colorectal cancer screenings or breast cancer screenings shall not impose
15 (1) A deductible for a procedure that a physician initially undertakes as a screening colonoscopy
16 or a screening sigmoidoscopy or a screening mammogram; or (2) A coinsurance, copayment,
17 deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for any additional colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy or
18 mammogram ordered in a policy year by a physician for an insured.

19 SECTION 3. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
20 section 4AA the following section:-

21 Section 4BB. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service
22 agreement delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth which provides coverage for
23 colorectal cancer screenings or breast cancer screenings shall not impose (1) A deductible for a
24 procedure that a physician initially undertakes as a screening colonoscopy or a screening
25 sigmoidoscopy or a screening mammogram; or (2) A coinsurance, copayment, deductible or
26 other out-of-pocket expense for any additional colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy or mammogram
27 ordered in a policy year by a physician for an insured.

28 SECTION 4. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
29 section 4S the following section:-

30 Section 4T. Any individual or group health maintenance contract which provides
31 coverage for colorectal cancer screenings or breast cancer screenings shall not impose (1) A

32 deductible for a procedure that a physician initially undertakes as a screening colonoscopy or a
33 screening sigmoidoscopy or a screening mammogram; or (2) A coinsurance, copayment,
34 deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for any additional colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy or
35 mammogram ordered in a policy year by a physician for an insured.

36 SECTION 5. Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
37 section 23 the following section:-

38 Section 24. Any coverage offered by the commission to any active or retired employee of
39 the commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission which provides
40 coverage for colorectal cancer screenings or breast cancer screenings shall not impose (1) A
41 deductible for a procedure that a physician initially undertakes as a screening colonoscopy or a
42 screening sigmoidoscopy or a screening mammogram; or (2) A coinsurance, copayment,
43 deductible or other out-of-pocket expense for any additional colonoscopy, sigmoidoscopy or
44 mammogram ordered in a policy year by a physician for an insured.