

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 900**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***David Paul Linsky***

*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 provide for tobacco cessation benefits.**

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                         | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                 | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>David Paul Linsky</i>      | <i>5th Middlesex</i>              | <i>1/13/2015</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i>          | <i>11th Norfolk</i>               | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>        | <i>12th Middlesex</i>             | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>Denise Provost</i>         | <i>27th Middlesex</i>             | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>Ellen Story</i>            | <i>3rd Hampshire</i>              | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>Peter V. Kocot</i>         | <i>1st Hampshire</i>              | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i>               | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>David M. Rogers</i>        | <i>24th Middlesex</i>             | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>     | <i>37th Middlesex</i>             | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>   | <i>4th Middlesex</i>              | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>James J. O'Day</i>         | <i>14th Worcester</i>             | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i>         | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i>            | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>Tom Sannicandro</i>        | <i>7th Middlesex</i>              | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>   | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i> | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>         | <i>2nd Suffolk</i>                | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>Marcos A. Devers</i>       | <i>16th Essex</i>                 | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>John W. Scibak</i>         | <i>2nd Hampshire</i>              | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |
| <i>Jonathan Hecht</i>         | <i>29th Middlesex</i>             | <i>9/5/2019</i>  |

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| <i>Christine P. Barber</i>    | <i>34th Middlesex</i> | <i>9/5/2019</i> |
| <i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i> | <i>26th Middlesex</i> | <i>9/5/2019</i> |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>     | <i>25th Middlesex</i> | <i>9/5/2019</i> |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i>          | <i>2nd Hampden</i>    | <i>9/5/2019</i> |
| <i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>    | <i>14th Norfolk</i>   | <i>9/5/2019</i> |
| <i>James Arciero</i>          | <i>2nd Middlesex</i>  | <i>9/5/2019</i> |
| <i>Paul R. Heroux</i>         | <i>2nd Bristol</i>    | <i>9/5/2019</i> |
| <i>Paul Brodeur</i>           | <i>32nd Middlesex</i> | <i>9/5/2019</i> |

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By Mr. Linsky of Natick, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 900) of David Paul Linsky and others relative to requiring certain insurance policies to include coverage for nicotine based and non-nicotine based smoking cessation products. Financial Services.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 945 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act to provide for tobacco cessation benefits.

*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, as appearing in the 2012 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 17K the following section:-

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4           Section 17L. The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the  
5 commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission a smoking and tobacco  
6 use cessation treatment benefit. Smoking and tobacco use cessation treatment and information  
7 benefits shall include nicotine replacement therapy, other evidence-based pharmacologic aids to  
8 quitting smoking, and accompanying counseling by a physician, certified tobacco use cessation  
9 counselor, or other qualified clinician.