

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 941**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John W. Scibak***

*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 the care and treatment of patients with mitochondrial disease.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>

<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Garrett J. Bradley</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 941) of John W. Scibak and others relative to insurance coverage and payment for prescribed treatment for mitochondrial disease. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the care and treatment of patients with mitochondrial disease.

*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 Law is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 17K the following section:-

3 Section 17L. The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the  
4 commonwealth or spouse/dependent who is insured under the group insurance commission,  
5 coverage for treatment of mitochondrial disease. Said treatment shall include, but not be limited  
6 to, the use of vitamin and nutritional supplements, such as CoEnzyme Q10, Vitamin E, Vitamin  
7 C, Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin K1 and L-Carnitine.

8 SECTION 2. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
9 section 47DD the following section:-

10 Section 47EE. Any policy, contract, agreement, plan or certificate of insurance issued,  
11 delivered or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for treatment of  
12 mitochondrial disease. Said treatment shall include, but not be limited to, the use of vitamin and

13 nutritional supplements, such as CoEnzyme Q10, Vitamin E, Vitamin C, Vitamin B1, Vitamin  
14 B2, Vitamin K1 and L-Carnitine.

15 SECTION 3. Chapter 176A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
16 section 8EE the following section:-

17 Section 8FF. Any contract between a subscriber and a corporation under an individual or  
18 group hospital service plan delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide  
19 coverage for treatment of mitochondrial disease. Said treatment shall include, but not be limited  
20 to, the use of vitamin and nutritional supplements, such as CoEnzyme Q10, Vitamin E, Vitamin  
21 C, Vitamin B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin K1 and L-Carnitine.

22 SECTION 4. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
23 section 4FF the following section:-

24 Section 4GG. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service  
25 agreement delivered, issued or renewed within the commonwealth shall provide coverage for  
26 treatment of mitochondrial disease. Said treatment shall include, but not be limited to, the use of  
27 vitamin and nutritional supplements, such as CoEnzyme Q10, Vitamin E, Vitamin C, Vitamin  
28 B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin K1 and L-Carnitine.

29 SECTION 5. Chapter 176G of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
30 section 4X the following section:-

31 Section 4Y. Any individual or group health maintenance contract shall provide coverage  
32 for treatment of mitochondrial disease. Said treatment shall include, but not be limited to, the use

- 33 of vitamin and nutritional supplements, such as CoEnzyme Q10, Vitamin E, Vitamin C, Vitamin
- 34 B1, Vitamin B2, Vitamin K1 and L-Carnitine.