

HOUSE No. 949

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 making corrective amendments to Chapter 234 of the Acts of 2012 47CC.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>John W. Scibak</i> | <i>2nd Hampshire</i> | <i>1/15/2015</i> |

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 949) of John W. Scibak for legislation to require that individual policies of accident and sickness insurance cover the cost of treating cleft lip and cleft palate for children. Financial Services.

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

An Act making corrective amendments to Chapter 234 of the Acts of 2012 47CC.

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 306. Said chapter 175 is hereby further amended by striking out section 47BB,
2 inserted by section 3 of chapter 234 of the acts of 2012, and inserting in place thereof the
3 following section:-

4 Section 47CC. An individual policy of accident and sickness insurance issued under
5 section 108 that provides hospital expense and surgical expense insurance and any group blanket
6 or general policy of accident and sickness insurance issued under section 110 that provides
7 hospital expense and surgical expense insurance, which is issued or renewed within or without
8 the commonwealth, that covers a child under the age of 18 shall cover the cost of treating cleft
9 lip and cleft palate for the child. The coverage shall include benefits for medical, dental, oral and
10 facial surgery, surgical management and follow-up care by oral and plastic surgeons, orthodontic
11 treatment and management, preventative and restorative dentistry to ensure good health and
12 adequate dental structures for orthodontic treatment or prosthetic management therapy, speech

13 therapy, audiology and nutrition services, if such services are prescribed by the treating
14 physician or surgeon and such physician or surgeon certifies that such services are medically
15 necessary and consequent to the treatment of the cleft lip, cleft palate or both. The coverage
16 required by this section shall be subject to the terms and conditions applicable to other benefits.
17 Payment for dental or orthodontic treatment not related to the management of the congenital
18 conditions of cleft lip and cleft palate shall not be covered under this section.