

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 987**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sean Garballey***

*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 regarding the assets of medical assistance recipients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2015</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>

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By Mr. Garballey of Arlington, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 987) of Sean Garballey and others relative to medical assistance recipients’ assets. Health Care Financing.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act regarding the assets of medical assistance recipients.

*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. Section 21A of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (2)(i) and replacing it with the  
3 following new subsection:-

4           (2)(i) the type and amount of all countable assets; provided that any funds held by the  
5 community spouse of an institutionalized applicant or recipient in an Individual Retirement  
6 Account, Keogh plan or other pension fund shall be considered a non-countable asset as long as  
7 regular income distributions are made from the fund or the community spouse is employed;