

HOUSE No. 987**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: |
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| <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. Balser</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.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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;