

HOUSE No. 988

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise C. Garlick

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 Medicare savings programs eligibility.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/14/2015</i>
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>Mayor of Boston</i>	<i>1/13/2015</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/26/2015</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2015</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2015</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>

<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>7th Norfolk</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Robert F. Fennell</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	<i>2/4/2015</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>
<i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>9/9/2019</i>

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By Ms. Garlick of Needham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 988) of Denise C. Garlick and others relative to Medicare savings programs eligibility. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act regarding Medicare savings programs eligibility.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, shall be
2 amended by inserting after section 25 the following section:

3 SECTION 25A.

4 The division shall disregard income in an amount equivalent to one hundred sixty-five
5 percent (165%) of the federal poverty level, as adjusted annually, in determining eligibility for
6 the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary and Qualified
7 Individual programs, described in 42 U.S.C. §1396(a)(10)(E) and also known as the Medicare
8 Savings or Medicare Buy-In Programs;

9 The division shall not apply an asset test in determining eligibility for the Qualified
10 Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary and Qualified Individual
11 programs, described in 42 U.S.C. §1396(a)(10)(E) and also known as the Medicare Savings or
12 Medicare Buy-In Programs;

- 13 The division shall amend its state plan and promulgate regulations to implement said
- 14 income disregards and asset test elimination.