

SENATE No. 1181

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 MassHealth applications.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>

<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1181) of Joan B. Lovely, James J. Dwyer, Dennis A. Rosa, Colleen M. Garry and other members of the General Court relative to providing for a presumptive eligibility program for MassHealth applicants. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2083 OF 2013-2014.]

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

An Act regarding MassHealth applications.

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 9 of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 211 of the Acts
2 of 2010, is hereby amended by inserting, after the words “long-term care needs of the
3 individuals,” the following:-

4 The division shall provide, without requiring prior authorization, for up to sixty (60) days
5 of eligibility for MassHealth home and Community Based Services, including personal care
6 services, for individuals who, upon discharge from an acute hospital, medical center, nursing
7 facility, or health care facility including rehabilitation facilities and state hospitals, are presumed
8 to be financially eligible for the MassHealth program and clinically eligible for home and
9 community based services, as determined by an Aging Services Access Point or an Independent

- 10 Living Center; provided further the division shall promulgate such standards and regulations as
- 11 may be necessary for the administration of said presumptive eligibility program.