

SENATE No. 1516

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barbara A. L'Italien

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 relative to essential health benefits.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i> | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i> | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i> | <i>11th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Mary S. Keefe</i> | <i>15th Worcester</i> |
| <i>Jay R. Kaufman</i> | <i>15th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Brian A. Joyce</i> | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i> | <i>2nd Hampden</i> |
| <i>Marcos A. Devers</i> | <i>16th Essex</i> |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i> | <i>6th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i> | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i> |

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By Mrs. L'Italien, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1516) of Barbara L'Italien, Jason M. Lewis, Kay Khan, Mary S. Keefe and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to essential health benefits. Revenue.

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

An Act relative to essential health benefits.

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 59 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting

3 SECTION 2: Section 31A of Chapter 63 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
4 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following subsection:-

5 (n) Any corporation that receives a tax credit under this section shall provide to its
6 employees a health insurance plan that includes, at a minimum, all of the essential health benefits
7 required under the Massachusetts essential health benefit benchmark plan.

8 SECTION 3: Section 31C of said Chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
9 inserting the following subsection:-

10 (e) Any corporation that receives a tax credit under this section shall provide to its
11 employees a health insurance plan that includes, at a minimum, all of the essential health benefits
12 required under the Massachusetts essential health benefit benchmark plan.

13 SECTION 4: Section 31M of said Chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
14 inserting the following subsection:-

15 (g) Any corporation subject to taxes imposed by chapter 63 that receives a tax credit
16 under this section shall provide to its employees a health insurance plan that includes, at a
17 minimum, all of the essential health benefits required under the Massachusetts essential health
18 benefit benchmark plan.

19 SECTION 5: Section 38M of said Chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
20 inserting the following subsection:-

21 (k) Any corporation that receives a tax credit under this section shall provide to its
22 employees a health insurance plan that includes, at a minimum, all of the essential health benefits
23 required under the Massachusetts essential health benefit benchmark plan.

24 SECTION 6: Section 38N of said Chapter 63, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
25 inserting the following subsection:-

26 (h) Any corporation that receives a tax credit under this section shall provide to its
27 employees a health insurance plan that includes, at a minimum, all of the essential health benefits
28 required under the Massachusetts benchmark plan.