

SENATE No. 553

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard J. Ross, (BY REQUEST)

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 disability insurance benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Bernard A. Kansky

Benjamin Swan

11th Hampden

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By Mr. Ross (by request), a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 553) of Bernard A. Kansky and Benjamin Swan for legislation relative to disability insurance benefits. Financial Services.

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

An Act relative to disability insurance 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. Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition, is
2 hereby amended by inserting after 108E the following section:-

3 Section 108F. No insurance policy or plan, insuring persons disabled by reason of injury,
4 illness, disease, self-reported symptoms or post-traumatic stress disorder shall discriminated
5 against any insured person by eliminating benefits or by reducing benefits by reason of the
6 insured person being disabled, either in whole or in part, by a mental or nervous condition; or by
7 self-reported symptoms documented by a duly licensed physician; or by chronic fatigue
8 syndrome also known as chronic fatigue and immune dysfunction syndrome also known as
9 myalgic encephalomyelitis also known as ME; or by post-traumatic stress disorder also known as
10 PTSD.