

**SENATE . . . . . No. 582**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***James B. Eldridge***

*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 countable assets of medical assistance recipients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 582) of James B. Eldridge, James J. O'Day, Anne M. Gobi, Brian M. Ashe and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the countable assets of medical assistance recipients. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 516 OF 2013-2014.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act regarding the countable 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 so appearing in the  
2   2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (2)(i) and inserting in place  
3   thereof the following 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;