

SENATE No. 646

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel A. Wolf

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:
<i>Daniel A. Wolf</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>

<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>	
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	
<i>Anthony W. Petrucci</i>	<i>First Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Mayor Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>1 City Hall Plaza Boston, MA</i>	
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>7/7/2015</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>7/7/2015</i>

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By Mr. Wolf, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 646) of Daniel A. Wolf, Jason M. Lewis, Michael O. Moore, Benjamin Swan and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to Medicare savings programs eligibility. Health Care Financing.

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**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.