

HOUSE No. 1366

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marjorie C. Decker

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 health insurance for surviving spouses.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i> | <i>25th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/19/2017</i> |
| <i>Thomas M. McGee</i> | <i>Third Essex</i> | |
| <i>Mike Connolly</i> | <i>26th Middlesex</i> | <i>1/31/2017</i> |
| <i>Daniel M. Donahue</i> | <i>16th Worcester</i> | <i>1/27/2017</i> |
| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i> | <i>10th Plymouth</i> | <i>1/31/2017</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>2/1/2017</i> |

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1366) of Marjorie C. Decker and others relative to health insurance for surviving spouses. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2268 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to health insurance for surviving spouses.

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 9B of chapter 32B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 9, 10 and 11, the words “the entire
3 cost of such premium without any contribution by the governmental unit” and inserting in place
4 thereof the following words: - one-half the cost of such premiums with one-half the cost of such
5 premiums paid by the governmental unit.

6 SECTION 2. Section 9D of said chapter 32B is hereby repealed.

7 SECTION 3. Section 11 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 6 and 7 the words "until the
9 remarriage of said surviving spouse".

10 SECTION 4. Section 9B of chapter 32B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
11 amended by striking out in lines 4 and 5, the words ",until the remarriage or death of said
12 surviving spouse".

13 SECTION 5. The provisions in sections 3 and 4 of this act shall apply to surviving
14 spouses of a deceased employee or retired employee, who remarried prior to the effective date of
15 this act and whose insurance coverage, upon remarriage, was terminated under chapters 32A or
16 32B of the General Laws.

17 SECTION 6. The provisions in sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act shall be prospective from
18 the effective date of this act and shall not entitle any surviving spouse of a deceased employee or
19 retired employee to any retroactive insurance coverage.