

HOUSE No. 3517

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Smitty Pignatelli

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 providing diaper benefits for certain parents.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Smitty Pignatelli</i>	<i>4th Berkshire</i>	<i>1/19/2017</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>3/29/2017</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	
<i>Solomon Goldstein-Rose</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	

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By Mr. Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3517) of William Smitty Pignatelli and others that the Department of Public Health be authorized to conduct an investigation and study of the feasibility and value of providing diaper benefits to low-income infants and children. Public Health.

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

An Act providing diaper benefits for certain parents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The department of public health shall conduct an investigation and study of the feasibility
2 and benefits of providing a diaper benefit to low-income infants and children under the age of 2
3 years old. The department shall evaluate, at a minimum: (i) the cost to provide a monthly benefit
4 to each infant and child under the age of 2 years old participating in the WIC program pursuant
5 to chapter 111I of the General Laws; (ii) the cost to provide a month’s supply of diapers directly
6 to the parents or guardians of such infants and children; (iii) the number of children who would
7 receive such benefit; and (iv) the most efficient and least expensive method of administering the
8 benefit. The department shall make recommendations and shall submit its findings to the joint
9 committee on children, families and persons with disabilities and to the house and senate
10 committees on ways and means not later than December 31, 2018.