

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 559**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Mathew Muratore*

*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 small business insurance enrollment.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>	
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	

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By Mr. Muratore of Plymouth, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 559) of Mathew Muratore and others relative to small business health insurance enrollment. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to small business insurance enrollment.

*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 4 of chapter 176J of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by striking out paragraph (4) of subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof  
3 the following paragraph:-

4 (4) Notwithstanding any other provision in this section, a carrier shall not deny an  
5 eligible individual or an eligible small business with 5 or fewer eligible employees enrollment in  
6 a health benefit plan if the eligible individual or eligible small business enrolls through an  
7 intermediary or the connector. A carrier may deny an eligible individual or an eligible small  
8 business with 5 or fewer eligible employees enrollment in a health benefit plan if the eligible  
9 individual or eligible small business does not enroll through an intermediary or the connector.

10 All intermediaries and the connector shall permit eligible small businesses with 5 or fewer  
11 eligible employees to enroll on a quarterly basis, or more frequently, to the extent permitted  
12 under the federal Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, or any rules, regulations or  
13 guidances applicable thereto, a carrier may not deny that eligible small business enrollment.