

HOUSE No. 559

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: |
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| <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.