

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 615**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Denise C. Garlick***

*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>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Chynah Tyler</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Bud Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Evandro C. Carvalho</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>David F. DeCoste</i>	<i>5th Plymouth</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Eric P. Lesser</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>

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By Ms. Garlick of Needham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 615) of Denise C. Garlick and others relative to Medicare savings programs eligibility. Health Care Financing.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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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. The division shall disregard income in an amount equivalent to one  
4 hundred sixty-five percent (165%) of the federal poverty level, as adjusted annually, in  
5 determining eligibility for the Qualified Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare  
6 Beneficiary and Qualified Individual programs, described in 42 U.S.C. §1396(a)(10)(E) and also  
7 known as the Medicare Savings or Medicare Buy-In Programs;

8 The division shall not apply an asset test in determining eligibility for the Qualified  
9 Medicare Beneficiary, Specified Low-Income Medicare Beneficiary and Qualified Individual  
10 programs, described in 42 U.S.C. §1396(a)(10)(E) and also known as the Medicare Savings or  
11 Medicare Buy-In Programs;

- 12           The division shall amend its state plan and promulgate regulations to implement said
- 13   income disregards and asset test elimination.