

**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:       | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Denise C. Garlick</i>   | <i>13th Norfolk</i>     | <i>1/18/2017</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>1/30/2017</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>   |                  |

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| <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>2/2/2017</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

—————  
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.