

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 642****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Keiko M. Orrall****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 to clarify comparable health care coverage.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>1/17/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	
<i>William L. Crocker, Jr.</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	
<i>Leonard Mirra</i>	<i>2nd Essex</i>	
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Shaunna L. O'Connell</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	

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By Mrs. Orrall of Lakeville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 642) of Keiko M. Orrall and others that institutions of higher education allow certain students to waive participation in student health insurance programs. Higher Education.

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)  
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An Act to clarify comparable health care coverage.

*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 1. Section 18 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as most recently amended  
2   by chapter 35 of the acts of 2013, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the words  
3   "providing comparable coverage", the following phrase: -  
  
4           provided that such institution shall allow students to waive participation in its student  
5   health insurance program if the student can demonstrate current participation in an organization  
6   defined in 26 U.S.C. Sec. 5000A(d)(2)