

SENATE No. 1406

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Kenneth J. Donnelly

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 the group insurance commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i>	<i>Fourth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/26/2017</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>1/27/2017</i>
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>

<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Mr. Donnelly, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1406) of Kenneth J. Donnelly, Frank A. Moran, Michael F. Rush, Michael D. Brady and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish a group insurance commission under the Executive Office of Administration and Finance. Public Service.

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

An Act regarding the group insurance commission.

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. Chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following
3 section:-

4 Section 3. There shall be established within the executive office of administration and
5 finance, but not under its jurisdiction, a special unpaid commission, to be known as the group
6 insurance commission, consisting of: the commissioner of administration and finance; the
7 commissioner of insurance; the senate president or the senate president’s designee; the speaker
8 of the house or the speaker’s designee; and 11 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of
9 whom shall be a retired state employee, appointed from a list of 3 representatives nominated by
10 the president of the Retired State, County and Municipal Employees Association of
11 Massachusetts, 1 of whom shall be a health economist, at least 3 of whom shall be full-time state
12 employees, 1 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts Public Employees Council #93,

13 AFSCME, Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL/CIO, appointed from a list of 3
14 representatives nominated by the executive director of AFSCME Council #93, 1 of whom shall
15 be a member of the Massachusetts State Employees Association, NAGE appointed from a list of
16 3 representatives nominated by president of the National Association of Government Employees,
17 1 of whom shall be a labor representative from a list of 3 representatives of public employees
18 nominated by the president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the AFL/CIO, 1 of whom shall be a
19 labor representative from a list of 3 representatives nominated by the President of Local 5000
20 SEIU/Trial Court, 1 of whom shall be a management representative appointed from a list of 3
21 representatives nominated by the Massachusetts Municipal Association and 1 of whom shall be a
22 labor representative appointed from a list of 3 representatives nominated by the president of the
23 teachers' union with the greatest amount of active and retired members enrolled in commission
24 health plans.

25 In addition, upon the transfer of 45,000 subscribers from municipal governmental units to
26 the group insurance commission pursuant to section 19 of chapter 32B, there shall be an
27 additional management representative appointed by the governor from a list of 3 representatives
28 nominated by the Massachusetts Municipal Association and an additional labor representative
29 appointed by the governor from a list of 3 representatives of municipal public safety employees
30 nominated by the president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the AFL/CIO. Whenever an
31 organization nominates a list of representatives for appointment by the governor under this
32 section, the organization may nominate additional candidates if the governor declines to appoint
33 any of those originally nominated. Not more than 55 per cent of the appointive members of the
34 commission shall be members of the same political party. No member appointed by the governor
35 shall be an insurance agent, broker, employee or officer of an insurance company. Upon the

36 expiration of the term of office of an appointive member, his successor shall be appointed in like
37 manner for a term of 3 years. The commission shall be provided with suitable offices and may,
38 subject to appropriation, incur expenses and appoint an executive director who shall be the
39 executive and administrative head of the commission and who shall not be subject to chapter 31.
40 The commission may authorize the executive director to appoint such employees as may be
41 necessary to administer this chapter. There shall be paid by the commonwealth to each
42 appointive member of the commission the necessary expenses actually incurred in the discharge
43 of his official duties.

44 The commission shall adopt such reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary
45 for the administration of this chapter and shall make an annual report to the governor and to the
46 general court which shall include any modifications or amendments made to contracts executed
47 under this chapter. The rules and regulations shall be in such form as to enable employees to
48 understand the benefits available from the insurance program, including the cost thereof.