SENATE DOCKET, NO. 668 FILED ON: 1/18/2017

SENATE . . . . . No. 1474

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James E. Timilty

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 group insurance costs for certain public retirees.

PETITION OF:

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

John J. Lawn, Jr.	*10th Middlesex*	*2/2/2017*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*	*2/2/2017*
Michael O. Moore	*Second Worcester*	*2/2/2017*
Paul R. Heroux	*2nd Bristol*	*2/2/2017*
James M. Murphy	*4th Norfolk*	*2/2/2017*
Steven Ultrino	*33rd Middlesex*	*2/2/2017*
Kathleen O'Connor Ives	*First Essex*	*2/3/2017*
John F. Keenan	*Norfolk and Plymouth*	*2/3/2017*
Mark C. Montigny	*Second Bristol and Plymouth*	*2/3/2017*
Michelle M. DuBois	*10th Plymouth*	*2/3/2017*
Thomas J. Calter	*12th Plymouth*	*2/3/2017*

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1474) of James E. Timilty, Frank A. Moran, Thomas M. McGee, Barbara A. L'Italien and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to group insurance costs for certain public retirees. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1997* OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to group insurance costs for certain public retirees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 6 of chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the fourth sentence thereof the following new sentence: - For active and retired employees, their dependents and the survivors of deceased employees, including municipal subscribers, the maximum amount of deductibles and copayments for covered services during an enrollment year in a plan shall not exceed $2,500 for individual coverage and $5,000 for family coverage.

SECTION 2. Section 6 of chapter 32A is hereby further amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new paragraph: -

The commonwealth shall deposit any and all federal subsidies that it receives from the retiree drug subsidy program under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (P.L. 108-173), into an account to be administered by the commission. The commission may expend amounts in the account to pay the costs of a subscriber's deductibles and copayments for covered services that exceed $2,500 for individual coverage and $5,000 for family coverage but are less than $5,000 and $10,000 respectively.