

SENATE No. 679

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sal N. DiDomenico

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 newborn enrollment in MassHealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/25/2019</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/8/2019</i>

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 679) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Mike Connolly, Kay Khan, Rebecca L. Rausch and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to newborn enrollment in MassHealth. Health Care Financing.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)

An Act relative to newborn enrollment in MassHealth.

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 2016 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after Section 9F the following section:

3 Section 9G. Newborn enrollment

4 (a) In the case of a newborn(s) born to a mother who is covered by MassHealth at the
5 time of birth and who will be required to enroll in managed care, the newborn(s) shall initially be
6 enrolled in MassHealth fee-for-service from the date of birth until a parent or guardian selects a
7 managed care plan, provided that if no such selection is made during the first forty-five days of
8 life, on day forty-six, the newborn may be assigned to a managed care plan by the Secretary who
9 shall give preference to assigning the infant to the same managed care plan as that of other
10 children in the household or of either parent or guardian.