

SENATE No. 704

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 provide Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Dean A. Tran</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>2/4/2019</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>	<i>2/11/2019</i>

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By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 704) of Jason M. Lewis, William N. Brownsberger, James B. Eldridge, Bruce E. Tarr and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act to provide Medicaid coverage for tobacco cessation.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the executive
2 office of health and human services shall include within its MassHealth-covered services a
3 program for smoking and tobacco use cessation treatment and information. Smoking and tobacco
4 use cessation treatment and information benefits shall include United States Food and Drug
5 Administration approved nicotine replacement therapy, other United States Food and Drug
6 approved pharmacologic aids to quitting smoking, and accompanying individual, group and
7 phone counseling by a physician, dentist, behavioral health counselor, mental health counselor,
8 certified tobacco use cessation counselor, or other qualified clinician. The executive office shall
9 report annually on the number of enrollees who participate in smoking and tobacco cessation
10 services, number of enrollees who quit smoking or using tobacco, and Medicaid expenditures
11 tied to tobacco use by Medicaid enrollees.