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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 establishing pregnancy as a qualifying event.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*	*2/18/2021*
Susan Williams Gifford	*2nd Plymouth*	*2/25/2021*
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*	*3/11/2021*
Hannah Kane	*11th Worcester*	*3/18/2021*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*	*3/22/2021*
Mathew J. Muratore	*1st Plymouth*	*3/25/2021*
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*	*3/31/2021*

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By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1122) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to establish pregnancy as a qualifying event for eligibility for special enrollment in certain health plans in the state health insurance exchange. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)

An Act establishing pregnancy as a qualifying event.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in addition to any qualifying event under federal law, rule or regulation that makes one eligible for a special enrollment period for enrollment in a qualified health plan in the state health insurance exchange established pursuant to the federal patient protection and affordable care act, the state health insurance exchange shall allow for the enrollment of a pregnant individual within 30 days following the commencement of the pregnancy; provided however, that the pregnancy is certified by a licensed health care provider, as defined in chapter 112 of the general laws. Upon such enrollment, any qualified health plan in the state health insurance exchange shall ensure that coverage is effective on the first day of the month in which said certification is received.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2022.