

SENATE No. 633

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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 expanding insurance options available through the group insurance commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>3/8/2021</i>

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 633) of Harriette L. Chandler, Kay Khan and Michael O. Moore for legislation to expand insurance options available through the group insurance commission. Financial Services.

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

An Act expanding insurance options available through 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 Chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section 10E, the following subsections:-

3 Section 10F. The commission shall establish a plan of long term care insurance on such
4 terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interest of the commonwealth and its
5 employees. With respect to any long term care insurance which is in effect for an employee there
6 shall be withheld from the salary or wages of such employee the premium for such insurance and
7 the commonwealth shall make no contribution to said premium. The group insurance
8 commission is hereby authorized to implement this benefit as part of a hybrid life insurance
9 policy if it deems it in the best interest of the commonwealth and its employees. The group
10 insurance commission is hereby authorized to implement a system whereby such employee
11 contributions are made on a pre-tax basis.

12 Section 10G. The commission, in consultation with masshealth, shall provide employees
13 of the commonwealth the option to enroll in masshealth on such terms and conditions as it deems
14 to be in the best interest of the commonwealth and its employees. Masshealth shall determine an
15 appropriate rate for such insurance coverage which ensures the full cost of the policy is paid by
16 the employee, the employer, or a combination thereof, and that the cost is entirely paid for
17 without subsidization by masshealth.

18 Section 10H. The commission shall establish a high deductible health plan which utilizes
19 health savings accounts on such terms and conditions as it deems to be in the best interest of the
20 commonwealth and its employees. With respect to any high deductible health plan which is in
21 effect for an employee there shall be withheld from the salary or wages of such employee the
22 premium for such insurance and the commonwealth shall make no contribution to said premium.
23 The group insurance commission is hereby authorized to implement a system whereby such
24 employee contributions are made on a pre-tax basis.