

SENATE No. 799

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 expanding equitable access to maternal postpartum care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/24/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Erika Uyterhoeven</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>Walter F. Timilty</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>3/17/2021</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>3/31/2021</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>7/26/2021</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 799) of Joan B. Lovely, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., James J. O'Day, Jack Patrick Lewis and other members of the General Court for legislation to expand equitable access to maternal postpartum care. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act relative to expanding equitable access to maternal postpartum care.

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. (a) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, MassHealth shall seek
2 approval and federal financial participation through a demonstration waiver under Section 1115
3 of the Social Security Act as codified at 42 U.S.C. section 1315 to extend MassHealth Standard
4 coverage to pregnant and postpartum residents of the commonwealth who are eligible through
5 Title XIX and Title XXI of the Social Security Act to 12 months following the end of the
6 pregnancy plus an additional period extending to the end of the month in which the 12 month
7 period ends, regardless of any change in the resident’s family income.

8 (b) Should MassHealth receive federal approval under section (a), the same level and
9 duration of medical assistance shall be made available to pregnant and postpartum residents of
10 the commonwealth not otherwise eligible for benefits under Title XIX or Title XXI of the Social
11 Security Act or under the demonstration approved in section (a) solely due to immigration status.

- 12 Benefits provided under this section shall not be contingent upon the availability of federal
- 13 financial participation for this population.