

**SENATE . . . . . No. 816**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

*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 association health plans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Bruce E. Tarr*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 816) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to association health plans. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 722 OF 2019-2020.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to association health plans.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           Notwithstanding any general or special rule to the contrary to the maximum extent  
2 allowed by federal law a Multiple Employer Welfare Arrangement or Association Health Plan  
3 shall be allowed to operate in the Commonwealth, provided that it meets the following  
4 requirements:

5           1. The arrangement shall at all times be in compliance with federal law and regulation,  
6 including but not limited to the US Department of Labor’s regulations regarding Association  
7 Health Plans.

8           2. The arrangement’s governing documents shall require the arrangement to be  
9 actuarially sound, and the arrangement shall in fact be actuarially sound.

10           3. The arrangement shall be conducted in accordance with (insert citation to state rules  
11 regarding fraud, trade practices, and other behavioral requirements).