

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1766**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Marc R. Pacheco***

*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 health insurance for surviving spouses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>4/2/2021</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>5/3/2021</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1766) of Marc R. Pacheco and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to health care insurance for surviving spouses. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1575 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court  
(2021-2022)**  
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An Act relative to health insurance for surviving spouses.

*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. Section 11 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 6 and 7 the words "until the  
3 remarriage of said surviving spouse".

4           SECTION 2. Section 9B of chapter 32B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
5 amended by striking out in lines 4 and 5, the words ", until the remarriage or death of said  
6 surviving spouse".

7           SECTION 3. Section 9B of chapter 32B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
8 amended by striking out in lines 9, 10 and 11, the words "the entire cost of such premium  
9 without any contribution by the governmental unit" and inserting in place thereof the following

10 words:- one-half the cost of such premiums with one-half the cost of such premiums paid by the  
11 governmental unit.

12 SECTION 4. Section 9D of said chapter 32B is hereby repealed.

13 SECTION 5. The provisions in sections 1 and 2 of this act shall apply prospectively to  
14 surviving spouses of a deceased employee or retired employee, who remarried prior to the  
15 effective date of this act and whose insurance coverage, upon remarriage, was terminated under  
16 chapters 32A or 32B of the General Laws.

17 SECTION 6. The provisions in sections 1, 2 and 3 of this act shall be prospective from  
18 the effective date of this act and shall not entitle any surviving spouse of a deceased employee or  
19 retired employee to any retroactive insurance coverage.