HOUSE No. 1085

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jack Patrick Lewis

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 to address barriers to HIV prevention medication.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex	1/19/2023
James K. Hawkins	2nd Bristol	1/27/2023
Joanne M. Comerford	Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester	1/30/2023
Carol A. Doherty	3rd Bristol	1/31/2023
Susannah M. Whipps	2nd Franklin	1/31/2023
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	1st Hampshire	1/31/2023
Mindy Domb	3rd Hampshire	2/1/2023
David Paul Linsky	5th Middlesex	2/1/2023
Vanna Howard	17th Middlesex	2/3/2023
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	2/8/2023
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	2/8/2023
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex	2/8/2023
Steven Ultrino	33rd Middlesex	2/8/2023
David Allen Robertson	19th Middlesex	2/8/2023
Tram T. Nguyen	18th Essex	2/8/2023
Christine P. Barber	34th Middlesex	2/9/2023
James C. Arena-DeRosa	8th Middlesex	2/9/2023
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth	2/13/2023

James Arciero	2nd Middlesex	2/16/2023
Shirley B. Arriaga	8th Hampden	2/22/2023
Simon Cataldo	14th Middlesex	2/23/2023
Rebecca L. Rausch	Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex	2/23/2023
Natalie M. Higgins	4th Worcester	3/7/2023
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex	3/10/2023
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	3/13/2023
Daniel Cahill	10th Essex	3/14/2023
Meghan Kilcoyne	12th Worcester	3/31/2023
Margaret R. Scarsdale	1st Middlesex	3/31/2023
Tommy Vitolo	15th Norfolk	4/4/2023
Adrian C. Madaro	1st Suffolk	4/5/2023
Danillo A. Sena	37th Middlesex	4/5/2023
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	4/10/2023
Julian Cyr	Cape and Islands	5/1/2023
Adam Scanlon	14th Bristol	5/17/2023
Judith A. Garcia	11th Suffolk	12/21/2023

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By Representative Lewis of Framingham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1085) of Jack Patrick Lewis and others for legislation to address barriers to HIV prevention medication healthcare coverage. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court (2023-2024)

An Act to address barriers to HIV prevention medication.

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) As used in this section, the following words shall have the following
- 2 meanings, unless the context clearly requires otherwise:-
- 3 "HIV", human immunodeficiency virus.
- 4 "HIV prevention drug", any preexposure prophylaxis drug approved for the prevention of
- 5 HIV by the federal Food and Drug Administration, including any ancillary or support health
- 6 service determined by the secretary of health and human services that is necessary to: (1) ensure
- 7 that such a drug is prescribed or administered to a person who is not infected with HIV and has
- 8 no medical contraindications to the use of such a drug; and (2) monitor such a person to ensure
- 9 the safe and effective ongoing use of such a drug through: (A) an office visit; (B) laboratory
- testing; (C) testing for a sexually transmitted infection; (D) medication self-management and
- adherence counseling; (E) or any other health service specified as part of comprehensive HIV
- 12 prevention drug services by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the

United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention or the United States Preventive
Services Task Force.

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- (b)(1) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, any policy, contract or certificate of health insurance subject to chapters 32A, 118E, 175, 176A, 176B, 176G, 176I, 176J or 176Q of the General Laws that provides coverage for any HIV prevention drug shall not require:
- 19 (A) any cost-sharing, including co-payments or co-insurance, or any deductible; and
- 20 (B) prior authorization, step therapy or any other protocol that could restrict or delay the 21 dispensing or provision of any HIV prevention drug.
 - (2) The commissioner of the division of insurance, in consultation with the secretary of health and human services, shall adopt any written policies, procedures or regulations necessary to implement this subsection.