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HOUSE . . . . . No. 1237

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Rogers

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 ensure equitable health coverage for children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
David M. Rogers	*24th Middlesex*	*1/19/2023*
Mindy Domb	*3rd Hampshire*	*1/25/2023*
David Paul Linsky	*5th Middlesex*	*1/26/2023*
Lindsay N. Sabadosa	*1st Hampshire*	*1/26/2023*
Steven Owens	*29th Middlesex*	*1/26/2023*
Steven Ultrino	*33rd Middlesex*	*1/26/2023*
Peter Capano	*11th Essex*	*1/27/2023*
James K. Hawkins	*2nd Bristol*	*1/27/2023*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex and Suffolk*	*1/27/2023*
Jack Patrick Lewis	*7th Middlesex*	*1/31/2023*
Daniel Cahill	*10th Essex*	*2/1/2023*
Tackey Chan	*2nd Norfolk*	*2/2/2023*
Patricia A. Duffy	*5th Hampden*	*2/2/2023*
Christine P. Barber	*34th Middlesex*	*2/2/2023*
Jon Santiago	*9th Suffolk*	*2/6/2023*
Adrian C. Madaro	*1st Suffolk*	*2/6/2023*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*	*2/7/2023*
Andres X. Vargas	*3rd Essex*	*2/8/2023*

Jason M. Lewis	*Fifth Middlesex*	*2/9/2023*
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	*2nd Berkshire*	*2/9/2023*
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	*13th Middlesex*	*2/9/2023*
Erika Uyterhoeven	*27th Middlesex*	*2/13/2023*
Michelle M. DuBois	*10th Plymouth*	*2/13/2023*
James C. Arena-DeRosa	*8th Middlesex*	*2/13/2023*
Vanna Howard	*17th Middlesex*	*2/14/2023*
Tram T. Nguyen	*18th Essex*	*2/15/2023*
Priscila S. Sousa	*6th Middlesex*	*2/15/2023*
James B. Eldridge	*Middlesex and Worcester*	*2/16/2023*
Michael D. Brady	*Second Plymouth and Norfolk*	*2/21/2023*
Samantha Montaño	*15th Suffolk*	*2/23/2023*
Rebecca L. Rausch	*Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex*	*3/7/2023*
Christopher J. Worrell	*5th Suffolk*	*3/8/2023*
Lydia Edwards	*Third Suffolk*	*3/9/2023*
Natalie M. Higgins	*4th Worcester*	*3/14/2023*
Tommy Vitolo	*15th Norfolk*	*3/15/2023*
Danillo A. Sena	*37th Middlesex*	*3/29/2023*
Mike Connolly	*26th Middlesex*	*3/29/2023*
Rita A. Mendes	*11th Plymouth*	*4/5/2023*
Simon Cataldo	*14th Middlesex*	*4/10/2023*
Russell E. Holmes	*6th Suffolk*	*4/24/2023*
Ruth B. Balser	*12th Middlesex*	*5/3/2023*
John J. Cronin	*Worcester and Middlesex*	*6/27/2023*
Judith A. Garcia	*11th Suffolk*	*7/25/2023*
Natalie M. Blais	*1st Franklin*	*7/26/2023*
Michael P. Kushmerek	*3rd Worcester*	*9/26/2023*

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By Representative Rogers of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1237) of David M. Rogers and others for legislation to ensure equitable health coverage for children. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to ensure equitable health coverage for children.

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

Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after Section 16D the following sections:-

Section 16E. (1) Notwithstanding any other law, there is hereby established a program of comprehensive health coverage for children and young adults under the age of 21 who are residents of the Commonwealth, as defined under section 8 of this chapter, who are not otherwise eligible for comprehensive benefits under Title XIX or XXI of the Social Security Act or under the demonstration pursuant to Section 9A of this chapter solely due to their immigration status. Children and young adults shall be eligible to receive comprehensive MassHealth benefits equivalent to the benefits available to individuals of like age and income under categorical and financial eligibility requirements established by the executive office pursuant to said Title XIX and Title XXI.

(2) The executive office of health and human services shall maximize federal financial participation for the benefits provided under this section, however benefits under this section shall not be conditioned on the availability of federal financial participation.