

HOUSE No. 1249

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Steven Ultrino

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 update Medicaid resource limits for seniors.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Steven Ultrino</i> | <i>33rd Middlesex</i> | <i>1/17/2023</i> |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i> | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i> | <i>2/2/2023</i> |
| <i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i> | <i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | <i>2/10/2023</i> |
| <i>Brian W. Murray</i> | <i>10th Worcester</i> | <i>2/21/2023</i> |
| <i>David Allen Robertson</i> | <i>19th Middlesex</i> | <i>2/21/2023</i> |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i> | <i>2/21/2023</i> |
| <i>Mike Connolly</i> | <i>26th Middlesex</i> | <i>3/20/2023</i> |
| <i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i> | <i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i> | <i>7/12/2023</i> |

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By Representative Ultrino of Malden, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1249) of Steven Ultrino and others relative to Medicaid resource limits for seniors. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to update Medicaid resource limits for seniors.

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 25 of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by
2 striking out subsection (1) in its entirety and replacing it with the following new subsection:-

3 (1) Monthly income in an amount not exceeding the level equivalent of 138% of the
4 federal poverty level, as updated annually;

5 SECTION 2. Section 25 of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by
6 inserting after subsection (5) the following:

7 (6) the cash surrender value of any life insurance owned by the applicant or member or
8 his or her spouse without regard to the face value of the policy or policies;

9 (7) resources in the amount of \$10,000 per individual and \$20,000 per couple.

10 The division shall submit a state plan amendment to implement this section no later than
11 30 days after the effective date of this section and subsequently promulgate all regulations
12 necessary to implement said income and resource exemptions.