

HOUSE No. 2563

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 the Group Insurance Commission and Medicare migration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/18/2023</i>
<i>Nicholas A. Boldyga</i>	<i>3rd Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2563) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others relative to the Group Insurance Commission and Medicare health benefit supplement plans. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1281 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act relative to the Group Insurance Commission and Medicare migration.

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 18 of chapter 32A of the General Laws is amended by inserting at
2 the end thereof the following sentences:-

3 Notwithstanding any other provision of this chapter, all retirees, their spouses and
4 dependents, who are insured or eligible to be insured under sections five, ten B and twelve, age
5 65 or over and not eligible for coverage under medicare part A at no cost to the retiree, spouse,
6 or dependent, shall be transferred by the commission to medicare part A and part B; provided,
7 that the commission shall pay the medicare part A premium and any medicare part A or part B
8 premium penalty assessed by the federal government on said retirees, spouses and dependents as
9 result of transfer into medicare. Each retiree, to be transferred, shall: (a) provide the commission,
10 in such form as the commission shall prescribe, such information as is necessary to transfer to

11 medicare Part A and Part B, and (b) enroll in a medicare health benefits supplement plan offered
12 by the commission under section ten C or section fourteen; provided, that benefits under said
13 plan and medicare part A and part B together shall be of comparable actuarial value to those
14 under the retiree's existing coverage.

15 SECTION 2. The commission shall transfer retirees, their spouses and dependents, in
16 accordance with section 1 of this act, on or before July 1, 2024.