

**SENATE . . . . . No. 642**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Barry R. Finegold***

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*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 related to health insurance benefits for municipal employees.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>Third Bristol and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/7/2023</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>10/5/2023</i>

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By Mr. Finegold, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 642) of Barry R. Finegold, Vanna Howard, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Marc R. Pacheco and others for legislation related to health insurance benefits for municipal employees. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act related to health insurance benefits for municipal employees.

*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 19 of chapter 32B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (j) the following subsection:-

3           (k) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, an eligible municipal  
4 employee who subscribes to the commission’s health insurance coverage within the first 10 days  
5 of the employee’s first day of employment shall receive such coverage effective as of: (1) their  
6 first day of employment; or (2) the date on which the employee subscribes to the coverage,  
7 whichever is later. The commission shall promulgate regulations to enforce this subsection.

8           SECTION 2. The group insurance commission shall promulgate regulations necessary to  
9 implement subsection (k) of section 19 of chapter 32B, as inserted by section 1 of this act, not  
10 later than 3 months after the effective date of this act.