

HOUSE No. 1204

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 establishing pregnancy as a qualifying event.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>	<i>1/21/2025</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/31/2025</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>3/10/2025</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/28/2025</i>

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By Representative Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1204) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., and others for legislation to establish pregnancy as a qualifying event for eligibility for special enrollment in certain health plans in the state health insurance exchange. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1052 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act establishing pregnancy as a qualifying event.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in addition to
2 any qualifying event under federal law, rule, or regulation that makes one eligible for a special
3 enrollment period for enrollment in a qualified health plan in the state health insurance exchange
4 established pursuant to the federal patient protection and affordable care act, the state health
5 insurance exchange shall allow for the enrollment of a pregnant individual within 30 days
6 following the commencement of the pregnancy; provided however, that the pregnancy is
7 certified by a licensed health care provider, as defined in chapter 112 of the General Laws. Upon
8 such enrollment, any qualified health plan in the state health insurance exchange shall ensure that
9 coverage is effective on the first day of the month in which said certification is received.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2026.