

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 5477**

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**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 expanding the treatment of cleft palate and cleft lip.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2025</i>

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By Representative Ultrino of Malden, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Steven Ultrino relative to the treatment of cleft palate and cleft lip. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4825 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act expanding the treatment of cleft palate and cleft lip.

*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 17J of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 4, the words “children under the age  
3 of 18” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- any individual.

4 SECTION 2. Section 10G of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
5 hereby amended by striking out, in line 1, the words “For children under the age of 18, the  
6 division” and inserting in place thereof the following words:- The division.

7 SECTION 3. Section 47BB of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
8 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 6 to 8, inclusive, the words “a child under the age of 18  
9 shall cover the cost of treating cleft lip and cleft palate for the child” and inserting in place

10 thereof the following words:- an individual shall cover the cost of treating cleft lip and cleft  
11 palate for the individual.

12 SECTION 4. Section 8EE of chapter 176A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
13 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 7 to 9, inclusive, the words “a child under the age of 18  
14 shall provide coverage for the cost of treating cleft lip and cleft palate for the child” and inserting  
15 in place thereof the following words:- an individual shall provide coverage for the cost of  
16 treating cleft lip and cleft palate for the individual.

17 SECTION 5. Section 4EE of chapter 176B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
18 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 31 and 32, the words “a child under the age of 18 shall  
19 provide coverage for the cost of treating cleft lip and cleft palate for the child” and inserting in  
20 place thereof the following words:- an individual shall provide coverage for the cost of treating  
21 cleft lip and cleft palate for the individual.

22 SECTION 6. Section 4W of chapter 176G of the General Laws, as so appearing, is  
23 hereby amended by striking out, in lines 2 to 4, inclusive, the words “a child under the age of 18  
24 shall provide coverage for the cost of treating cleft lip and cleft palate for the child” and inserting  
25 in place thereof the following words:- an individual shall provide coverage for the cost of  
26 treating cleft lip and cleft palate for the individual.

27 SECTION 7. Section 12 of chapter 176I of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby  
28 amended by striking out, in lines 2 and 3, the words “a child under the age of 18 shall provide  
29 coverage for the cost of treating cleft lip and cleft palate for the child” and inserting in place  
30 thereof the following words:- an individual shall provide coverage for the cost of treating cleft  
31 lip and cleft palate for the individual.