

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***John J. Lawn, 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 to promote continuity of health coverage for children.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 1214 OF 2023-2024.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act to promote continuity of health coverage for children.

*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 9A of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following subsection:-

3 (17)(a) Residents of the commonwealth under age 19 who are enrolled in MassHealth  
4 shall qualify for at least 12 months of continuous eligibility.

5 (b) Continuous eligibility established under clause (a) shall not apply in the following  
6 circumstances: (i) the child turns 19, except when MassHealth provides continuous eligibility to  
7 residents over age 19; (ii) the child ceases to be a state resident; (iii) the child or the child’s  
8 representative requests voluntary disenrollment; (iv) eligibility is determined to have been  
9 erroneously granted because of agency error or fraud, abuse, or perjury attributed to the child or  
10 the child’s representative; or (v) the child is deceased.

11           (c) The executive office of health and human services shall maximize federal financial  
12 participation for the coverage and benefits under this subsection; provided, however, that  
13 coverage and benefits provided under this subsection shall not only be contingent upon the  
14 availability of federal financial participation.