

SENATE No. 732

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Lydia Edwards

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 increasing access to universal dental care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Lydia Edwards

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Third Suffolk

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By Ms. Edwards, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 732) of Lydia Edwards for legislation to increase access to universal dental care for all residents of the commonwealth regardless of immigration status. Financial Services.

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

An Act increasing access to universal dental care.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 176Q of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4 the
2 following section:-

3 Section 4A. (a) There shall be a commonwealth dental access program to be administered
4 by the board, which shall provide access to stand-alone dental insurance plans to individuals who
5 reside in the commonwealth and do not meet the definition of a qualified individual under 42
6 U.S.C. section 18032(f). The program shall operate independently from the connector
7 established under this chapter.

8 (b) Information provided by or relating to an insured under this section shall not be
9 considered a public record under clause Twenty-sixth of section 7 of chapter 4 or chapter 66 and
10 shall not be disclosed by the connector, except as required by federal law or as authorized by
11 regulations promulgated by the attorney general.

12 (c) The connector shall adopt regulations to implement this section.