

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

***Sal N. DiDomenico***

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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 promoting continuity of health coverage for children.**

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Sal N. DiDomenico*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Middlesex and Suffolk*

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

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act promoting 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 shall be amended by  
2 adding the following section:-

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

5 (b) Continuous eligibility established under subsection (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;

9 (iv) eligibility is determined to have been erroneously granted because of agency error or

10 fraud, abuse, or perjury attributed to the child or the child's representative; or (v) the  
11 child is deceased.

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