

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Barry R. Finegold

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 providing for prompt health insurance benefits for municipal employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Barry R. Finegold

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Essex and Middlesex

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 642 OF 2023-2024.]

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

An Act providing for prompt health insurance benefits for municipal employees.

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 19 of chapter 32B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2022
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following new subsection:-

3 (k) Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, an eligible municipal
4 employee who subscribes to the commission’s health insurance coverage within the first 10 days
5 of the employee’s first day of employment shall receive such coverage effective as of: (i) their
6 first day of employment; or (ii) the date on which the employee subscribes to the coverage,
7 whichever is later.

8 SECTION 2. The group insurance commission shall promulgate regulations necessary to
9 implement subsection (k) of section 19 of chapter 32B of the General Laws, as inserted by
10 section 1, not later than 3 months after enactment.