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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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 relative to adult dental restoration.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Harriette L. Chandler	
Gale D. Candaras	
James B. Eldridge	
Brian A. Joyce	*Norfolk, Bristol, and Plymouth*
Susan C. Fargo	
Jennifer L. Flanagan	
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James E. Timilty	

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By [SPONSOR PREFIX] [SPONSOR NAME], a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1079) of [PETITIONERS LIST] for legislation relative to adult dental restoration. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to adult dental restoration.

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

SECTION 1. The General Court hereby finds that:

(a) Oral Health is Overall Health;

(b) left untreated, dental decay causes pain and suffering to thousands of adults, negatively impacts the health and well being of children and families, and has a significant effect on our workforce and business community;

(c) dental cleanings and extractions alone are not adequate care. Dental decay is a bacterial infection and the only way that you can stop this infection from spreading and affecting health is with comprehensive care; and,

(d) cuts to oral health coverage wastes millions in extensive and costly services in emergency and inpatient hospital settings due to dental infections.

SECTION 2. Item 4000-0300 of section 2 of chapter 131 of the acts of 2010 is hereby amended by striking the words "provided further, that such plan may include, but not be limited

13 to, limiting, eliminating or otherwise restructuring services delivered to adult members of the

14 MassHealth program" and inserting in place thereof the following words:- provided further, that

15 such plan may include, but not be limited to, limiting, eliminating or otherwise restructuring

16 services, other than dental services, delivered to adult members of the MassHealth program.

17 SECTION 3. Section 145 of said chapter 131 of the acts of 2010 is hereby repealed.