

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives,

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the

engrossed Bill authorizing the Health Insurance Connector Authority to implement a 2-year pilot program to extend eligibility for premium assistance payments or point-of-service cost-sharing subsidies for certain applicants (see House, No. 5123) being sections 133, 192, 193 and 196 contained in the engrossed bill making appropriations for the fiscal year 2023 for the maintenance of the departments, boards, commissions, institutions, and certain activities of the commonwealth, for interest, sinking fund and serial bond requirements and for certain permanent improvements (see House, No. 5050), which was returned by His Excellency the Governor pursuant to Article LVI with recommendation of amendment specified by him, (see Attachment R of House, No. 5132)

Reports recommending that the amendment recommended by His Excellency the Governor be considered in the following form:

By striking out all after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

“Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the commonwealth health insurance connector authority established in section 2 of chapter 176Q of the General Laws shall conduct a study, in consultation with the executive office of health and human services and the division of insurance, as necessary, of the costs and implementation steps required to implement a 2-year pilot program to extend eligibility for premium assistance payments or point-of-service cost-sharing subsidies for applicants at or below 500 per cent of the federal poverty guidelines; provided, that applicants participating in the pilot program that are between 300 and 500 per cent of the federal poverty guidelines would have access to a plan that

meets at least 90 per cent actuarial value; provided further, that the affordability standard for the pilot program would be consistent with current practices pursuant to section 3 of said chapter 176Q. The commonwealth health insurance connector authority shall submit a written report of its findings, including the potential impact on carriers and enrollees and the availability of federal funding and subsidies, with the clerks of the house of representatives and the senate, the house and senate committees on ways and means, the joint committee on public health and the joint committee on health care financing not later than March 31, 2023.”.

And that when so amended the same will be correctly drawn.

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For the Committee.