

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Peter J. Koutoujian

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act improving the insurance partnership program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Peter J. Koutoujian	10th Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT IMPROVING THE INSURANCE PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM.

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. Subsection (1) of section 9C of chapter 118E of the General Laws, is
2 hereby amended by deleting the definition of "Eligible Employee" in its entirety and inserting in
3 place thereof the following:

4 "Eligible employee", an employee: (i) who is employed by an eligible employer; (ii) who resides
5 in the commonwealth; (iii) who has not attained age 65; and (iv) who meets the financial and
6 other eligibility standards set forth in regulations promulgated by the division, if the gross family
7 income standard does not exceed 400 per cent of the federal poverty level.

8 SECTION 2. Subsection (1) of section 9C of chapter 118E of the General Laws, is hereby further
9 amended by deleting the definition of "Eligible self-employed single individual" in its entirety
10 and inserting in place thereof the following:

11 "Eligible self-employed single individual", a person with or without dependents (i) who receives
12 any gross income from self-employment; (ii) who resides in the commonwealth; (iii) who has not
13 attained age 65; and (iv) who meets the financial and other eligibility standards set forth in
14 regulations promulgated by the division, provided that the gross family income standard shall not
15 exceed 400 per cent of the federal poverty level.

16 SECTION 3. Subsection (1) of section 9C of chapter 118E of the General Laws, is hereby further
17 amended by deleting the definition of "Eligible self-employed husband and wife" in its entirety
18 and inserting in place thereof the following:

19 "Eligible self-employed husband and wife", a married couple with or without dependents (i)
20 where either spouse receives any gross income from self employment; (ii) where both spouses

21 reside in the commonwealth; (iii) where neither spouse has attained age 65; and (iv) who meets
22 the financial and other eligibility standards set forth in regulations promulgated by the division,
23 provided that the gross family income standard shall not exceed 400 per cent of the federal
24 poverty level.

25 SECTION 4. Section 9C of said chapter 118E of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
26 further amended by striking paragraph (4) in its entirety and replacing it with the following new
27 paragraph:

28 (4) The amount of payments for each employer under paragraph (C) of subsection (2) shall be as
29 follows: (i) \$600 for each eligible employee for whom the eligible employer pays 50 percent or
30 more of the cost of qualified medical insurance; (ii) \$1,200 for each eligible employee for whom
31 the eligible employer pays 50 percent or more of the cost of qualified two-person family medical
32 insurance, and (iii) \$1,500 for each eligible employee for whom the eligible employer pays 50
33 percent or more of the cost of qualified family medical insurance, provided that the division may
34 use reasonable data sources in determining the number of eligible employees of an eligible
35 employer qualifying for such payments under clauses (i), (ii), and (iii).