

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Donnelly

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 relative to health reimbursement accounts.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Mr. Donnelly

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Fourth Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS.

Whereas, The deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to make to encourage municipalities to join the group insurance commission and thereby save money, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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. Chapter 32B is hereby amended by inserting after section 19 the following section: -
- 2 Section 20: Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, a political subdivision which transfers
- 3 its subscribers to the commission under subsection (e) may provide health reimbursement accounts to
- 4 reimburse subscribers who incur more than \$1,000 in qualified medical expenses per calendar year. The
- 5 health reimbursement accounts shall be subject to coalition bargaining.
- 6 SECTION 2. Section 2 of chapter 32B is hereby amended by inserting after subsection (j) the following
- 7 subsection:-
- 8 (k) "Health Reimbursement Account", a federally-recognized tax-exempt health benefit program that
- 9 allows an employer to reimburse qualified medical expenses paid by employees.