

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

O'Leary, Robert (SEN)

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 Long Term Care Incentives.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

O'Leary, Robert (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Cape and Islands

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO LONG TERM CARE INCENTIVES.

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. Paragraph (b) of Part B of section 3 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as
2 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, after subparagraph (5), the
3 following subparagraph:-

4 (6) In the case of an individual who purchases a qualified long-term care insurance policy, as
5 defined by chapter 176Q, including both nursing facility and home health benefits, an amount
6 equal to 100 per cent of the annual premium of the insurance policy not to exceed \$5,000.
7 Married individuals filing jointly or separately are each entitled to an exemption from taxable
8 income equal to 100 per cent of the annual premium but not more than \$5,000.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 63 of the general laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
10 adding, after section 37A the following new section:-

11 Section 37A ½ . A business entity under this chapter is allowed a credit against the tax
12 imposed by this chapter for each taxable year that begins on July 1, 2011 equal to fifteen percent

- 13 of the costs incurred by the taxpaying business entity in providing long-term care coverage, as
- 14 defined in section 1 of chapter 176Q, as part of a benefit package to its employees.