

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas P. Kennedy

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 to further define adverse determinations by insurers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Thomas P. Kennedy

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Plymouth and Bristol

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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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 of Chapter 176O of the General Laws is amended by adding the following new sentence after the word
- 2 “effectiveness” in the definition of “Adverse determination”:
- 3 Provided however, that in making said adverse determination, the carrier or its designated utilization review
- 4 organization shall defer to the judgment of the treating clinician unless there is a preponderance of evidence that the
- 5 requested admission, continued stay or other health care service does not meet the requirements for coverage based
- 6 on medical necessity, appropriateness of health care setting and level of care, or effectiveness.