

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mr. Buoniconti

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:

Mr. Buoniconti

Hampden

Steven A. Baddour

First Essex

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:

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

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

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

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

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24 "Eligible self-employed husband and wife", a married couple with or without dependents (i)
25 where either spouse receives any gross income from self employment; (ii) where both spouses
26 reside in the commonwealth; (iii) where neither spouse has attained age 65; and (iv) who meets
27 the financial and other eligibility standards set forth in regulations promulgated by the division,
28 provided that the gross family income standard shall not exceed 400 per cent of the federal
29 poverty level.

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

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35 (4) The amount of payments for each employer under paragraph (C) of subsection (2) shall be as
36 follows: (i) \$600 for each eligible employee for whom the eligible employer pays 50 percent or

37 more of the cost of qualified medical insurance; (ii) \$1,200 for each eligible employee for whom
38 the eligible employer pays 50 percent or more of the cost of qualified two-person family medical
39 insurance, and (iii) \$1,500 for each eligible employee for whom the eligible employer pays 50
40 percent or more of the cost of qualified family medical insurance, provided that the division may
41 use reasonable data sources in determining the number of eligible employees of an eligible
42 employer qualifying for such payments under clauses (i), (ii), and (iii).