

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ms. Jehlen

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 regarding MassHealth applications.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Ms. Jehlen

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Second Middlesex

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT REGARDING MASSHEALTH APPLICATIONS.

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. Section 9 of chapter 118e of the general laws, as amended by chapter 211 of the acts of 2006,
2 is hereby amended by inserting, after the words "long-term care needs of the individuals," the following:-

3 The division shall provide, without requiring prior authorization, for up to sixty (60) days of eligibility
4 for MassHealth home and community based services, including personal care services, for individuals
5 who, upon discharge from an acute hospital, medical center, nursing facility, or health care facility
6 including rehabilitation facilities and state hospitals, are presumed to be financially eligible for the
7 MassHealth program and clinically eligible for home and community based services, as determined by an
8 aging services access point or an independent living center; provided further the division shall
9 promulgate such standards and regulations as may be necessary for the administration of said
10 presumptive eligibility program.