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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

George N. Peterson, Jr. and William Smitty Pignatelli

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:

An Act Relative to Accepting Spousal or Parental Coverage Under Fair Share.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
Michael O. Moore	☐ *[District]* ☐
George N. Peterson, Jr.	*9th Worcester*

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By Messrs. Peterson of Grafton and Pignatelli of Lenox, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1233) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr., Michael O. Moore and George N. Peterson, Jr. relative to qualifying health insurance coverage. Health Care Financing.

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An Act Relative to Accepting Spousal or Parental Coverage Under Fair Share.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 188 of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out, in line 19, the word "equivalent".

SECTION 2. Subsection (c) of section 188 of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following paragraph:

(11) For the purpose of the fair share contribution compliance test, an employer may count employees that have qualifying health insurance coverage from a spouse, a parent, a veteran's plan, Medicare, Medicaid, or a plan or plans due to a disability or retirement towards their qualifying take-up rate as a "contributing employer", as defined by the Division of Health Care Finance and Policy. The employer is still required to offer group medical insurance and must keep and maintain proof of their employee's insurance status.".