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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Alice Hanlon Peisch

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 regarding the countable assets of medical assistance recipients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Alice Hanlon Peisch	*14th Norfolk*
Robert M. Koczera	*11th Bristol*
Frank I. Smizik	*15th Norfolk*
John V. Fernandes	*10th Worcester*
Kate Hogan	*3rd Middlesex*
Thomas P. Kennedy	☐ *[District]* ☐
Denise Provost	*27th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Peisch of Wellesley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2097) of Alice Hanlon Peisch and others relative to excluding certain retirement funds from countable assets of medical assistance recipients. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *1094* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act regarding the countable assets of medical assistance recipients.

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 21A of Chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (2)(i) and replacing it with the following new subsection:

(2)(i) the type and amount of all countable assets; provided that any funds held by the community spouse of an institutionalized applicant or recipient in an Individual Retirement Account, Keogh plan or other pension fund shall be considered a non-countable asset as long as regular income distributions are made from the fund or the community spouse is employed;