HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 2241 FILED ON: 1/20/2011

HOUSE . . . . . No. 2470

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bradley H. Jones, Jr.

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 municipal medicare.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	*20th Middlesex*
Donald F. Humason, Jr.	*4th Hampden*
Marc T. Lombardo	*22nd Middlesex*
Randy Hunt	*5th Barnstable*
F. Jay Barrows	*1st Bristol*
Shaunna O'Connell	*3rd Bristol*
Donald H. Wong	*9th Essex*
Todd M. Smola	*1st Hampden*
Kevin J. Kuros	*8th Worcester*
Ryan C. Fattman	*18th Worcester*
Angelo L. D'Emilia	*8th Plymouth*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
Daniel B. Winslow	*9th Norfolk*
Matthew A. Beaton	*11th Worcester*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*
Nicholas A. Boldyga	*3rd Hampden*
Steven L. Levy	*4th Middlesex*
Bruce E. Tarr	

	[District]
Paul K. Frost	*7th Worcester*
Paul Adams	*17th Essex*
George N. Peterson, Jr.	*9th Worcester*
Elizabeth A. Poirier	*14th Bristol*
Viriato Manuel deMacedo	*1st Plymouth*

HOUSE DOCKET, NO. 2241 FILED ON: 1/20/2011

HOUSE . . . . . No. 2470

By Mr. Jones of North Reading, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2470) of Bradley H. Jones, Jr. and others relative to Medicare health plans for municipal employees. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act relative to municipal medicare.

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 Section 18 of chapter 32B is hereby repealed.

SECTION 2. Said chapter 32B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out section 18A, as inserted by chapter 374 of the acts of 2008, and inserting in place thereof the following section:-

Section 18B. (a) All retirees, their spouses and dependents insured or eligible to be insured under this chapter, if enrolled in Medicare Part A at no cost to the retiree, spouse or dependents or eligible for coverage there under at no cost to the retiree, spouse or dependents, shall be required to transfer to a Medicare health plan offered by the governmental unit under section 11C or section 16, if the benefits under the plan and Medicare Part A and Part B together shall be of comparable actuarial value to those under the retiree's existing coverage, but a retiree or spouse who has a dependent who is not enrolled or eligible to be enrolled in Medicare Part A at no cost shall not be required to transfer to a Medicare health plan if a transfer requires the retiree or spouse to continue the existing family coverage for the dependent in a plan other than a Medicare health plan offered by the governmental unit.

(b) Each retiree shall provide the governmental unit, in such form as the governmental unit shall prescribe such information as is necessary to transfer to a Medicare health plan. If a retiree does not submit the information required, he shall no longer be eligible for his existing health coverage. The governmental unit may from time to time request from a retiree, a retiree's spouse or a retiree's dependent, proof, certified by the federal government, of eligibility or ineligibility for Medicare Part A and Part B coverage.

(c) The governmental unit shall pay any Medicare Part B premium penalty assessed by the federal government on the retiree, spouse or dependent as a result of enrollment in Medicare Part B at the time of transfer.