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HOUSE . . . . . No. 318

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Tom Sannicandro

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 providing insurance coverage for magnetic resonance imaging for certain persons..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Sannicandro of Ashland, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 318) of Tom Sannicandro for legislation to provide insurance coverage for magnetic resonance imaging for certain persons for the detection of breast cancer. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
HOUSE
, NO. *1031* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act relative to providing insurance coverage for magnetic resonance imaging for certain persons..

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. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 47X the following section:-

Section 47Z. Any individual policy of accident and sickness insurance issued pursuant to section 108, and any group blanket policy of accident and sickness insurance issued pursuant to section 110, except policies providing supplemental coverage to Medicare or to other government programs, delivered, issued or renewed by agreement within or without the commonwealth shall provide coverage for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) for high risk women who are identified as those who have a personal history with cancer or, two or more first degree relatives with breast cancer or, early onset of breast cancer (before the age of 50) in one or more first degree relatives or, a history of breast cancer in more than one generation or, cancer in both breasts in one or more first degree relatives or, tested positive for Breast Cancer Gene 1 or Breast Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have one or more first degree relatives test positive for Breast Cancer Gene 1 or Breast Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have a personal history with Atypical Lobular Hyperplasia or Atypical Ductal Hyperplasia or Lobular Carcinoma in Situ. Said coverage will be provided once annually to women 25 years and older.

SECTION 2. Chapter l76A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 8Y the following section:-

18 Section 8Z. Any contract, except contracts providing supplemental coverage to Medicare
19 or other governmental programs, between a subscriber and the corporation under an individual or
20 group hospital service plan which shall be delivered or issued or renewed in the commonwealth
21 shall provide, as a basic benefit to all individual subscribers and members within the
22 commonwealth and to all group members having a principal place of employment within the
23 commonwealth, for expense for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) for high risk women who
24 are identified as those who have a personal history with cancer or, two or more first degree
25 relatives with breast cancer or, early onset of breast cancer (before the age of 50) in one or more
26 first degree relatives or, a history of breast cancer in more than one generation or, cancer in both
27 breasts in one or more first degree relatives or, tested positive for Breast Cancer Gene 1 or Breast
28 Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have one or more first degree relatives test positive for Breast
29 Cancer Gene 1 or Breast Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have a personal history with Atypical
30 Lobular Hyperplasia or Atypical Ductal Hyperplasia or Lobular Carcinoma in Situ. Said
31 Magnetic Resonance Imaging shall be provided in either a hospital or other setting and which
32 shall meet standards promulgated by the commissioner of public health. Said coverage will be
33 provided once annually to women 25 years and older.

34 SECTION 3. Chapter 176B of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
35 section 4Y the following section:-

36 Section 4Z. Any subscription certificate under an individual or group medical service
37 agreement that shall be delivered, issued or renewed in the commonwealth shall provide as a
38 benefit for all individual subscribers or members within the commonwealth and all group
39 members having a principal place of employment within the commonwealth, coverage for
40 expenses for Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) for high risk women who are identified as
41 those who have a personal history with cancer or, two or more first degree relatives with breast
42 cancer or, early onset of breast cancer (before the age of 50) in one or more first degree relatives
43 or, a history of breast cancer in more than one generation or, cancer in both breasts in one or
44 more first degree relatives or, tested positive for Breast Cancer Gene 1 or Breast Cancer Gene 2
45 mutations or, have one or more first degree relatives test positive for Breast Cancer Gene 1 or
46 Breast Cancer Gene 2 mutations or, have a personal history with Atypical Lobular Hyperplasia
47 or Atypical Ductal Hyperplasia or Lobular Carcinoma in Situ and as authorized by a duly
48 licensed physician. Said coverage will be provided once annually to women 25 years and older.

49 The benefits provided in this section shall meet all other terms and conditions within a
50 subscription certificate. Medical service agreements shall not reduce or eliminate coverage due
51 to the requirements of this section.