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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

David M. Torrisi

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 a municipal group insurance committee.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
David M. Torrisi	*14th Essex*
James J. Lyons, Jr.	*18th Essex*
Bruce E. Tarr	
	☐ *[District]*
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By Mr. Torrisi of North Andover, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of David M. Torrisi, James J. Lyons, Jr. and Bruce E. Tarr for legislation to authorize the appointment of group insurance committees within the cities and towns of the Commonwealth for the purpose of making changes in the design and composition of group health insurance policies for public employees. Public Service.

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An Act relative to a municipal group insurance committee.

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. Any city or town accepting the provisions of this section may establish and maintain a committee known as a "Group Insurance Committee" consisting of seven (7) members to be constituted as follows: Four (4) persons, who are not eligible to receive Town Insurance Benefits, to be appointed by the Mayor or Board of Selectmen, two (2) persons to be elected by the organizations of the governmental units' employees, and one (1) person who shall be a retiree of the city or town who shall be appointed by the Mayor or Board of Selectmen.

SECTION 2. Four (4) members of said committee shall constitute a quorum. Said committee shall act upon the majority vote of a quorum at any meeting held in conformity with the provisions of Section 23B of Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

SECTION 3. The Group Insurance Committee shall have the full and final authority to determine changes in any design or composition of any and all group general or blanket, hospital, surgical, medical, dental, and other health insurance plans, including, but not limited to, the services of a health care organization, and including coverage offered on a self-funded basis pursuant to sections 3A, 11 or 12 of Chapter 32 of the General Laws. Any plan design changes may include, but not be limited to, changes to employer/ employee contribution levels, co-pay amounts and deductibles. Such changes as the Group Insurance Committee shall deem appropriate shall be effective as of the date of said changes are voted upon by the committee and shall not be subject to collective bargaining under the provisions of Chapter 150E of the General Laws.

SECTION 4. This section shall take effect in a county, city, town or district upon its acceptance in the following manner: in a county, by a vote of the county commissioners; in a city

22 having a Plan D or a Plan E charter, by the majority vote of its city council and approved by the
23 manager; in any other city by majority vote of its city council and approved by the Mayor; in a
24 town, by vote of its Town Meeting, in a regional school district, by the vote of the regional
25 district school committee.