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[LOCAL APPROVAL RECEIVED.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sarah K. Peake

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 Health Insurance for Elected Officials in the Town of Harwich.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Sarah K. Peake	*4th Barnstable*

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By Ms. Peake of Provincetown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4210) of Sarah K. Peake (by vote of the town) relative to health insurance benefits for elected officials in the town of Harwich. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

An Act Relative to Health Insurance for Elected Officials in the Town of Harwich.

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. Notwithstanding chapter 32B of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, an elected official of the town of Harwich who works less than 20 hours per week and receives less than $10,000.00 annually shall not be eligible for participation in the town's contributory health and life insurance plans (the "plan"), but may nevertheless receive coverage under the plan if the elected official pays to the town 100 per cent of the cost of participation in the plan plus any administrative costs that may be assessed by the board of selectmen.

Section 2. Notwithstanding section 1 of this act, whereas the position of town clerk is a full-time elected position, the person holding said office shall remain eligible for participation in the town's plan on the same terms and at the same rate of contribution as non-union full-time employees of the town. If, in the future, the position of the town clerk is no longer a full-time position and the clerk works for less than 20 hours per week and receives less than $10,000 annually, then the provisions of section 1 of this act would be applicable.

Section 3. Notwithstanding section 1 of this act, any official elected before May 1, 2012 who works less than 20 hours per week and receives less than $10,000 in compensation annually, and who, as of the effective date of this act, participates in the plan shall be eligible to continue to participate in the plan until the expiration of their current term. After expiration of their current term, such an elected official may only receive coverage under the plan if the official pays 100 per cent of the cost of the participation and any applicable administration costs.

Section 4. This act shall take effect upon passage.