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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Linda Dorcena Forry

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 short-term disability insurance disclosure.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Linda Dorcena Forry	*12th Suffolk*
Mayor Thomas M. Menino	*1 City Hall Square, Suite 500* *Boston, MA 02201-2013*
Carlo Basile	*1st Suffolk*
Martin J. Walsh	*13th Suffolk*
Kathi-Anne Reinstein	*16th Suffolk*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	*5th Essex*
Paul R. Heroux	*2nd Bristol*
Bruce E. Tarr	*First Essex and Middlesex*

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By Ms. Forry of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 909) of Linda Dorcena Forry and others for legislation to include childbirth under insurance policies providing for diability income. Financial Services.

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An Act relative to short-term disability insurance disclosure.

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 47F of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended in line 10 after "surgical expense insurance," by inserting the following words:- or disability income insurance.

SECTION 2. Section 47F of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as so appearing, is further amended, at the end of the first paragraph, by inserting the following:-

Any policy of accidental or sickness insurance that provides coverage for disability income shall clearly indicate that pregnancy is an eligible disability, and shall clearly state the benefit periods associated with childbirth. Benefits related to a vaginal or caesarean birth shall begin immediately upon such birth and for vaginal births shall continue for a minimum of six weeks and for caesarean births for a minimum of eight weeks, with no elimination period. All disclosures of pregnancy-related benefits must be made in compliance with regulations promulgated by the department of public health, including 211 CMR 42.00 et seq. Said regulations shall include requirements that pregnancy-related eligibility and benefits information be provided in all policies and plans and promotional materials for such policies and plans.