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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Richard T. Moore

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 to provide for tobacco cessation benefits.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Richard T. Moore	☐ *[District]* ☐
Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.	*12th Hampden*
Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.	*34th Middlesex*
Sal N. DiDomenico	*Middlesex, Suffolk, and Essex*
Patricia D. Jehlen	☐ *[District]* ☐
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Sonia Chang-Diaz	☐ *[District]* ☐
Eileen M. Donoghue	☐ *[District]* ☐
James B. Eldridge	☐ *[District]*

	□
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
Jason M. Lewis	*31st Middlesex*
Thomas M. McGee	*Third Essex and Middlesex*
Mark C. Montigny	□ *[District]* □
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*
Martha M. Walz	*8th Suffolk*

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 540) of Richard T. Moore, Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr., Carl M. Sciortino, Jr., Sal N. DiDomenico and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide coverage for tobacco use cessation under Commonwealth Care. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *563* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act to provide for tobacco cessation benefits.

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 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 17H the following section:--

Section 17I. The commission shall provide to any active or retired employee of the commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission a smoking and tobacco use cessation treatment benefit. Smoking and tobacco use cessation treatment and information benefits shall include nicotine replacement therapy, other evidence-based pharmacologic aids to quitting smoking, and accompanying counseling by a physician, certified tobacco use cessation counselor, or other qualified clinician.

SECTION 2. Chapter 118H of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting the following section:

Section 7. Any policy of insurance for accident or sickness, or agreement for medical or health services, which shall be delivered or issued or renewed or certified in this Commonwealth through the Commonwealth Care Health Insurance Program described in Chapter 118H of the General Laws, shall provide as a benefit to all individual subscribers and members within the Commonwealth, for expenses of tobacco use cessation treatment as hereinafter set forth. Smoking and tobacco use cessation treatment and information benefits

17 shall include nicotine replacement therapy, other evidence-based pharmacologic aids to quitting
18 smoking, and accompanying counseling by a physician, certified tobacco use cessation
19 counselor, or other qualified clinician.