

HOUSE No. 02048

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Lori A. Ehrlich

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 bill:

An Act relative to health care coverage for tobacco cessation treatments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Lori A. Ehrlich</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>Ellen Story</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Alice K. Wolf</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>

Kay Khan

Kathi-Anne Reinstein

11th Middlesex

16th Suffolk

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By Ms. Ehrlich of Marblehead, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2048) of Lori A. Ehrlich and others for legislation to provide health insurance coverage for tobacco use cessation treatment. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 890 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to health care coverage for tobacco cessation treatments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 17H
2 the following section:-- Section 17I. The commission shall provide to any active or retired
3 employee of the commonwealth who is insured under the group insurance commission a
4 smoking and tobacco use cessation treatment benefit. Smoking and tobacco use cessation
5 treatment and information benefits shall include nicotine replacement therapy, other evidence-
6 based pharmacologic aids to quitting smoking, and accompanying counseling by a physician,
7 certified tobacco use cessation counselor, or other qualified clinician.

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

10 Section 7. Any policy of insurance for accident or sickness, or agreement for medical or health
11 services, which shall be delivered or issued or renewed or certified in this Commonwealth
12 through the Commonwealth Care Health Insurance Program described in Chapter 118H of the
13 General Laws, shall provide as a benefit to all individual subscribers and members within the
14 Commonwealth, for expenses of tobacco use cessation treatment as hereinafter set forth.
15 Smoking and tobacco use cessation treatment and information benefits shall include nicotine
16 replacement therapy, other evidence-based pharmacologic aids to quitting smoking, and
17 accompanying counseling by a physician, certified tobacco use cessation counselor, or other
18 qualified clinician.