

HOUSE No. 2158

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

F. Jay Barrows

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to premium impact statements.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>F. Jay Barrows</i>	<i>1st Bristol</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>

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By Mr. Barrows of Mansfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2158) of F. Jay Barrows, Steven S. Howitt and Kimberly N. Ferguson for legislation to require disclosure of changes to health care and insurance regulations by certain state agencies. Financial Services.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to premium impact statements.

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. Prior to the adoption, amendment, or repeal of any health care or health
2 insurance related regulation, an agency must file with the secretary of state’s office a public
3 notice of the proposed action and include a premium impact statement. In the statement, the
4 agency must consider the impact the proposed action will or will not have on health insurance
5 premium rates in Massachusetts. The agency must afford the public an opportunity to present
6 data, views, or arguments related to the impact statement, and prior to adopting the proposed
7 regulation, the agency must file an amended premium impact statement with the secretary of
8 state’s office.

9 SECTION 2. The Joint committees of the general court and the house and senate
10 committees on ways and means shall not report favorably any bill or petition relative to health
11 care or health insurance that shall not have first received a premium impact statement conducted
12 by the center for health information and analysis. Joint committees of the general court and the

13 house and senate committees on ways and means shall refer all health care and health insurance
14 related bills or petitions to an accompanied study order pending a final report by the center for
15 health information and analysis pursuant to this section.