

HOUSE No. 2948

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

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 qualifying student health insurance plans.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr.

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

5th Worcester

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By Mr. Berthiaume of Spencer, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2948) of Donald R. Berthiaume, Jr. for legislation to include participation in a health care sharing ministry as a qualifying student health insurance plan. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 793 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act relative to qualifying student health insurance plans.

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. Section 18 of chapter 15A of the General Laws, as most recently amended
2 by chapter 35 of the acts of 2013, is hereby further amended by inserting, after the words
3 “providing comparable coverage”, the following phrase:-

4 provided that such institution shall allow students to waiver participation in its student
5 health insurance program if the student can demonstrate current participation in a health care
6 sharing ministry provided by established religious organizations comprised of individuals with
7 sincerely held beliefs;