

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 553**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Robert M. Koczera***

*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 providing insurance coverage to certain spouses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Robert M. Koczera*

*11th Bristol*

*Chris Walsh*

*6th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Koczera of New Bedford, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 553) of Robert M. Koczera and Chris Walsh for legislation to prohibit insurance companies from denying policies for innocent spouses of criminals. Financial Services.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 896 OF 2015-2016.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act providing insurance coverage to certain spouses.

*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 96 of chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition,  
2 is hereby amended by adding the following sentence:-

3           No company shall deny coverage to an innocent spouse for any loss occasioned by the  
4 criminal act of the other spouse.