SENATE No. 01139

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 bill:

An Act relative to MassHealth enrollment for persons leaving correctional facilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:DISTRICT/ADDRESS:Richard T. MooreWorcester and Norfolk

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By Mr. Moore, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1139) of Moore for legislation relative to Masshealth enrollment for persons leaving correctional facilities [Joint Committee on Public Health].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE SENATE , NO. 848 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to MassHealth enrollment for persons leaving correctional facilities.

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 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official

2 Edition, is amended by adding the following new section:--

Section 61. The division, in collaboration with the Department of Correction, county
jails, and county houses of correction, shall establish a system of medical care such that persons
who will become eligible for MassHealth benefits upon release from Massachusetts correctional
facilities shall begin receiving benefits immediately upon such release.