

SENATE No. 1575

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 health insurance for surviving spouses.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>Paul R. Feeney</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>	<i>1/30/2019</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2019</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>
<i>Michael J. Soter</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>	<i>2/1/2019</i>

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By Mr. Pacheco, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1575) of Marc R. Pacheco, Paul R. Feeney, Mathew J. Muratore, Michael J. Finn and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to health care insurance for surviving spouses. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1449 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to health insurance for surviving 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 1. Section 9B of chapter 32B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in lines 9 and 10, the words “the entire cost
3 of such premium without any contribution by the governmental unit” and inserting in place
4 thereof the following words: - one-half the cost of such premiums with one-half the cost of such
5 premiums paid by the governmental unit.

6 SECTION 2. Section 9D of said chapter 32B is hereby repealed.

7 SECTION 3. Section 11 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out in line 6 the words "until the remarriage of
9 said surviving spouse".

10 SECTION 4. Section 9B of chapter 32B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby
11 amended by striking out in lines 4 and 5 the words ",until the remarriage or death of said
12 surviving spouse".

13 SECTION 5. The provisions in sections 3 and 4 of this act shall apply to surviving
14 spouses of a deceased employee or retired employee, who remarried prior to the effective date of
15 this act and whose insurance coverage, upon remarriage, was terminated under chapters 32A or
16 32B of the General Laws.

17 SECTION 6. The provisions in sections 3, 4 and 5 of this act shall be prospective from
18 the effective date of this act and shall not entitle any surviving spouse of a de-ceased employee
19 or retired employee to any retroactive insurance coverage.