

SENATE No. 1997

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

James E. Timilty

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 group insurance costs for certain public retirees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>James E. Timilty</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>7/31/2015</i>

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By Mr. Timilty, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1997) (subject to Joint Rule 12) of James E. Timilty and Paul W. Mark for legislation relative to group insurance costs for certain public retirees. Public Service.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act relative to group insurance costs for certain public retirees.

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 6 of chapter 32A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after the
2 fourth sentence thereof the following new sentence: - For active and retired employees, their
3 dependents and the survivors of deceased employees, including municipal subscribers, the
4 maximum amount of deductibles and copayments for covered services during an enrollment year
5 in a plan shall not exceed \$2,500 for individual coverage and \$5,000 for family coverage.

6 SECTION 2. Section 6 of chapter 32A is hereby further amended by inserting at the end
7 thereof the following new paragraph: -

8 The commonwealth shall deposit any and all federal subsidies that it receives from the
9 retiree drug subsidy program under the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and
10 Modernization Act of 2003 (P.L. 108-173), into an account to be administered by the
11 commission. The commission may expend amounts in the account to pay the costs of a

- 12 subscriber's deductibles and copayments for covered services that exceed \$2,500 for individual
- 13 coverage and \$5,000 for family coverage but are less than \$5,000 and \$10,000 respectively.