

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00482**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Frederick E. Berry*

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*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 to update minimum creditable coverage.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Frederick E. Berry*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*Second Essex*

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By Mr. Berry, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 482) of Berry for legislation to update minimum creditable coverage [Joint Committee on Health Care Financing].

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act to update minimum creditable coverage.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Chapter 176Q, as recently amended by Chapter 288 of the Acts of 2010, is hereby amended by  
2 striking subsection (s) of section 3 and inserting in place thereof the following:  
3 (s) to define and set by regulation minimum requirements for health plans meeting the  
4 requirement of "creditable coverage" as used in section 1 of chapter 111M and update any dollar  
5 thresholds annually consistent with Internal Revenue Service guidelines for Health Savings  
6 Accounts; provided, however, that notwithstanding subsection (d) of section 2, no changes to the  
7 regulations defining minimum creditable coverage shall take effect until 90 days after the  
8 connector gives notice of the changes to the joint committee on health care finance, the joint  
9 committee on public health, the senate and house of representatives committees on ways and  
10 means and the clerks of the senate and house of representatives.