

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00499**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*James B. Eldridge*

*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 regarding the countable assets of medical assistance recipients.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Susan C. Fargo</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>
<i>Gale D. Candaras</i>	<i>First Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Thomas P. Kennedy</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Joyce A. Spiliotis</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>

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By Mr. Eldridge, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 499) of Spiliotis, Kennedy, Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the countable assets of medical assistance recipients [Joint Committee on Health Care Financing].

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ SENATE  
□ , NO. 540 OF 2009-2010.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act regarding the countable assets of medical assistance recipients.

*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 21A of Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking  
2 out subsection (2)(i) and replacing it with the following new subsection:

3           "the type and amount of all countable assets; provided that any funds held by the  
4 community spouse of an institutionalized applicant or recipient in an Individual Retirement  
5 Account, Keogh plan or other pension fund shall be considered a non-countable asset as long as  
6 regular income distributions are made from the fund or the community spouse is employed;"