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Secretary of the Commonwealth

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HOUSE No. 482

By Ms. Balser of Newton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 482) of Ruth B. Balser and others for legislation to prohibit discrimination in the issuance of group or individual disability, accident or sickness insurance policies. Financial Services.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION SEE HOUSE, NO. 784 OF 2015-2016.]

The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court (2017-2018)

An Act providing for equitable coverage in disability policies.

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

- SECTION 1. Chapter 175 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition,
- 2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 108J the following section:-
- 3 Section 108K. No company, and no officer or agent thereof, shall make or permit any
- 4 distinction, classification, discrimination, or otherwise recognize any difference, on the basis of
- 5 race, color, religion, sex, marital status, or national origin, in the amount or payment of
- 6 premiums or rate charges, or in the benefits payable, or in any of the other terms or conditions of
- 7 any group or individual disability, accident or sickness insurance contract issued or delivered
- 8 within or without the commonwealth on or after January 1, 2011 which covers one or more
- 9 residents of the commonwealth. As used in this section, sex includes, but is not limited to,
- 10 conditions unique to one sex, such as pregnancy. Any violation of this section shall constitute an

unfair method of competition or an unfair or deceptive act or practice in violation of chapter

12 176D.

SECTION 1. Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 108M the following section:-

Section 108N. An insurer or producer authorized to issue policies against disability from injury or disease in the commonwealth shall not make a distinction or otherwise discriminate between persons, reject an applicant, cancel a policy or demand or require a higher rate of premium for reasons based solely upon an applicant's or insured's race, color, religious creed, national origin, sex, pregnancy, gender identity, sexual orientation or marital status.

A violation of this section shall constitute an unfair method of competition or an unfair or deceptive act or practice in violation of chapter 176D.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect on January 1, 2019.

Senate, December 31, 2018.

Passed to be engrossed, in concurrence, with an amendment in section 1 [at "A"], by inserting after the word "premium" the following words:- "for a group or individual disability contract issued or delivered in the commonwealth to 1 or more residents of the commonwealth"; and

In section 2 [at "B"] by striking out the figure "2019" and inserting in place thereof the following figure:- "2020".

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The House concurred in the Senate amendment.

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,

January 23, 2017.

Referred to the committee on

FINANCIAL SERVICES.

Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

Clerk.

SENATE,

January 23, 2017.

The Senate concurs

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Ruth B. Balser

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 providing for equitable coverage in disability policies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex	
Byron Rushing	9th Suffolk	
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	
Jack Lewis	7th Middlesex	
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	
Kenneth I. Gordon	21st Middlesex	
Lori A. Ehrlich	8th Essex	
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	3rd Berkshire	
Paul R. Heroux	2nd Bristol	
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex	
Aaron Vega	5th Hampden	
Christine P. Barber	34th Middlesex	
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	
Diana DiZoglio	14th Essex	
Carole A. Fiola	6th Bristol	
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	

Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth		
Antonio F. D. Cabral	13th Bristol		
Angelo M. Scaccia	14th Suffolk		
Gailanne M. Cariddi	1st Berkshire		
Peter V. Kocot	1st Hampshire		
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex		
Keiko M. Orrall	12th Bristol		
Mary S. Keefe	15th Worcester		
Carolyn C. Dykema	8th Middlesex		
David Paul Linsky	5th Middlesex		
Dylan Fernandes	Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket		
Brendan P. Crighton	11th Essex		
Kathleen O'Connor Ives	First Essex		
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex		
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk		
Barbara A. L'Italien	Second Essex and Middlesex		
Susannah M. Whipps	2nd Franklin		
Tackey Chan	2nd Norfolk		
Jay D. Livingstone	8th Suffolk		
Michael D. Brady	Second Plymouth and Bristol		
Eileen M. Donoghue	First Middlesex		
Joan B. Lovely	Second Essex		
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk		
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk		
Thomas J. Calter	12th Plymouth		
Jay R. Kaufman	15th Middlesex		
Carlos Gonzalez	10th Hampden		
Brian M. Ashe	2nd Hampden		

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

House of Representatives, June 18, 2018

The

committee on Financial Services

to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by

, House, No.

By Mr. Lewis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 545) of Jason M. Lewis, Ruth B. Balser, Jack Lewis, Diana DiZoglio and other members of the General Court for legislation to prohibit discrimination in the issuance of group or individual disability, accident or sickness insurance policies, Financial Services.

and the petition

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REPORTs recommending that the bill resolved accompanying said petition ought to pass.

Aaron Michlewitz

For the Committee.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR EQUITABLE COVERAGE IN DISABILITY POLICIES.

This Act originated in the House	twen T. Ja
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House of Representatives, December 3, 2018.

Rightly and Truly Prepared for Final Passage.

In Senate, December 3/, 2018.

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Laid before the Governor Delember 31, 2018.

Amendment ID: H482-1



Amendment 1

Technical clarification

Mr. Lewis moves to amend the bill in section 1, by inserting after the word "premium" the following words:- "for a group or individual disability contract issued or delivered in the commonwealth to 1 or more residents of the commonwealth"; and

in section 2 by striking out the figure "2019" and inserting in place thereof the following figure: "2020".

Senate Committee on BTR

For the Committee

SENATE No. 545

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 providing for equitable coverage in disability policies.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	N. Committee
Jason M. Lewis	Fifth Middlesex	
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex	1/23/2017
Jack Lewis .	7th Middlesex	1/24/2017
Diana DiZoglio	14th Essex	1/31/2017
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	2/1/2017
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex	2/3/2017
Kathleen O'Connor Ives	First Essex	5/9/2017

FILED ON: 1/13/2017

SENATE No. 545

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Senate, No. 545

Bill providing for equitable coverage in disability policies

PETITION ---- SENATE

Senator Jason M. Lewis of Fifth Middlesex

Presents the petition of Jason M. Lewis, Ruth B. Balser, Jack Lewis, Diana DiZoglio and other members of the General Court for legislation to prohibit discrimination in the issuance of group or individual disability, accident or sickness insurance policies

[Accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 545]

Senate, January 23, 2017 Referred to the committee on Financial Services

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House of Reps., January 23, 2017

The House concurs.

Steven T. James

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SENATE DOCKET, NO. 224 Filed: 1/13/2017

The House concurred in the Senate amendment.

House, No. 482

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POLICIES . COVERAGE IN DISABILITY BILL PROVIDING FOR EQUITABLE

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Senate Committee on BTR Correctly drawn

For the Committee

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