

By Mr. Buckley of Abington, petition of John R. Buckley and other members of the General Court relative to the continuation of health and accident insurance for persons attaining the age of sixty years with rate reductions in certain instances. Insurance.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF HEALTH AND ACCIDENT COVERAGE FOR PERSONS ATTAINING THE AGE OF SIXTY WITH RATE REDUCTIONS IN CERTAIN INSTANCES.

*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. Paragraph 7 of section 108 of chapter 175 of  
2 the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end  
3 thereof the following sentence: — Any insured who attains the  
4 age of sixty shall be offered at least the same coverages as he  
5 previously had with a twenty-five percent reduction in  
6 premium charge if he is either retired or living on a fixed  
7 income of five thousand dollars a year for an individual or six  
8 thousand five hundred dollars a year for a couple.

1 SECTION 2. Said chapter 175 is hereby further amended by  
2 inserting after section 110D the following section: —  
3 *Section 110E.* Any corporation organized under the General  
4 Laws providing general or blanket policies of insurance under  
5 the provisions of section one hundred and ten shall continue to  
6 offer at least the same coverage of said policies at general or  
7 blanket policy rates to any person who was enrolled in such a  
8 group plan prior to his retirement from the group. Said  
9 corporations shall offer to persons who are sixty years of age  
10 or older at least the same insurance coverage as is offered other  
11 members of the group with a twenty-five percent reduction in  
12 the premium charge for any said person sixty years of age or

13 older who is retired or living on a fixed income of five  
14 thousand dollars per year or less for an individual or six  
15 thousand five hundred dollars a year for a couple.