

HOUSE No. 1517

By Miss O'Brien of Easthampton, petition of Shannon P. O'Brien relative to providing employees a right of continuation of health insurance coverage. Insurance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety-Two.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PROVIDING EMPLOYEES A RIGHT OF CONTINUATION OF HEALTH INSURANCE 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 175 of the General Laws as appearing
2 in the 1988 Official Edition is hereby amended by adding after
3 section 47I, the following new section: —

4 Section 47J. In the event of the granting of a judgment of
5 bankruptcy against an employer or other organization which
6 employs or has twenty or more employees or members during the
7 full preceding calendar year, said employees shall be provided the
8 right of continuation of health insurance coverage pursuant to
9 Public Law 99-272. Each employer shall provide notice to its
10 employees of their right of continuation of health insurance
11 coverage as provided by this section. Said notice shall be delivered
12 to each employee within thirty days of the qualifying event which
13 shall be defined as the granting of a judgment of bankruptcy
14 against the employer or other organization.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter 176A of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after
3 section 8L, the following new section: —

4 Section 8K. In the event of the granting of a judgement of
5 bankruptcy against an employer or other organization which
6 employs or has twenty or more employees or members during the
7 full preceding calendar year, said employees shall be provided the
8 right of continuation of health insurance coverage pursuant to

9 Public Law 99-272. Each employer shall provide notice to its
10 employees of their right of continuation of health insurance
11 coverage as provided by this section. Said notice shall be delivered
12 to each employee within thirty days of the qualifying event which
13 shall be defined as the granting of a judgement of bankruptcy
14 against the employer or other organization.

1 SECTION 3. Chapter 176B of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after
3 section 4L, the following new section: —

4 Section 4M. In the event of the granting of a judgement of
5 bankruptcy against the employer or other organization which
6 employs or has twenty or more employees or members during the
7 full preceding calendar year, said employees shall be provided the
8 right of continuation of health insurance coverage pursuant to
9 Public Law 99-272. Each employer shall provide notice to its
10 employees of their right of continuation of health insurance
11 coverage as provided by this section. Said notice shall be delivered
12 to each employee within thirty days of the qualifying event which
13 shall be defined as the granting of a judgement of bankruptcy
14 against the employer or other organization.

1 SECTION 4. Chapter 176G of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after
3 section 4D, the following new section: —

4 Section 4E. In the event of the granting of a judgement of
5 bankruptcy against an employer or other organization which
6 employs or has twenty or more employees or members during the
7 full preceding calendar year, said employees shall be provided the
8 right of continuation of health insurance coverage pursuant to
9 Public Law 99-272. Each employer shall provide notice to its
10 employees of their right of continuation of health insurance
11 coverage as provided by this section. Said notice shall be delivered
12 to each employee within thirty days of the qualifying event which
13 shall be defined as the granting of a judgement of bankruptcy
14 against the employer or other organization.

1 SECTION 5. Chapter 176I of the General Laws, as appearing
2 in the 1988 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding after
3 section 10, the following new section: —

4 Section 11. In the event of the granting of a judgement of
5 bankruptcy against an employer or other organization which
6 employs or has twenty or more employees or members during the
7 full preceding calendar year, said employees shall be provided the
8 right of continuation of health insurance coverage pursuant to
9 Public Law 99-272. Each employer shall provide notice to its
10 employees of their right of continuation of health insurance
11 coverage as provided by this section. Said notice shall be delivered
12 to each employee within thirty days of the qualifying event which
13 shall be defined as the granting of a judgement of bankruptcy
14 against the employer or other organization.

