

By Mr. Businger of Brookline, petition of John A. Businger that provision be made for the Commonwealth to assume a portion of the health and accident insurance for certain former employees of cities and towns. Insurance.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-One.

**AN ACT DIRECTING THE COMMONWEALTH TO ASSUME A PORTION OF THE HEALTH AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR CERTAIN FORMER EMPLOYEES OF CITIES AND TOWNS.**

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this Act would tend to  
2 defeat its purpose which is, in part, to prevent serious debt due to  
3 the high cost of medical bills and expenses and protect the general  
4 health and well being of persons and their dependents, who are  
5 receiving unemployment compensation as a result of budget cuts  
6 necessitated by the passage of Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1980,  
7 therefore it is declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the  
8 immediate preservation of the public convenience.

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

1 The Commonwealth of Massachusetts shall assume that portion  
2 of the health and accident insurance previously assumed by the  
3 cities and towns of the Commonwealth, when a person is placed on  
4 unemployment compensation, as a result of lay-offs necessitated  
5 by the passage of chapter 580 of the Acts of 1980.

