

HOUSE . . . . . No. 1330

By Mrs. Alexander of Beverly, petition of Frances F. Alexander and other members of the General Court for legislation to provide for the continuation of certain health insurance coverage for surviving spouses for a period of eighteen months following the death of his or her spouse. Insurance.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONTINUATION OF CERTAIN HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR SURVIVING SPOUSES FOR A PERIOD OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF HIS OR HER SPOUSE.

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

1 Chapter 175 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after section 47C the following section: —  
3 Section 47D. Any blanket or general policy of insurance  
4 described in subdivision (A), (C) or (D) of section one hundred  
5 and ten which provides for hospital expense and surgical expense  
6 insurance or any policy of accident and sickness insurance as  
7 described in section one hundred and eight which provides  
8 hospital expense and surgical expense insurance shall be offered  
9 to the spouse of a deceased insured for a period of eighteen months  
10 following the death of his or her spouse at the same rate which  
11 such deceased spouse paid for such insurance, provided, however  
12 that such surviving spouse shall be responsible to pay the  
13 premiums for such insurance.

