

By Mr. Havern, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 627) of Robert A. Havern, J. James Marzilli, Jr., and Anne M. Paulsen (by vote of the town) for legislation to authorize the town of Arlington to enter into trust or joint purchase agreements relative to health care coverage. Insurance. [Local approval received.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE TOWN OF ARLINGTON TO ENTER INTO TRUST OR JOINT PURCHASE AGREEMENTS PROVIDING FOR HOSPITAL, SURGICAL, MEDICAL, DENTAL, AND OTHER HEALTH CARE 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. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the
2 contrary, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Arlington is
3 hereby authorized on behalf of the Town to join together with one
4 or more private employers within the area encompassing
5 Arlington, Belmont, Burlington, Winchester, Lexington, Medford,
6 Somerville and Cambridge by means of a trust or joint purchase
7 agreement, when providing hospital, surgical, medical, dental and
8 other health care coverage as authorized by Chapter 32B of the
9 General Laws and in accordance with Section 12 thereof, and
10 any such trust or joint purchase agreement shall be treated for pur-
11 poses of this section as if it were formed pursuant to said section.

12 The claims, administrative and other expenses of the trust or of
13 the joint purchase group shall be allocated to each participating
14 private employer as if such private employer were also a govern-
15 mental unit. As a condition precedent to any such employer's par-
16 ticipation in such trust or joint purchase group, such private
17 employer shall agree to be bound by the terms applicable to the
18 Town of Arlington with respect to forwarding to the treasurer of
19 the trust or joint purchase group the funds necessary to provide

20 for such private employer's allocation of the trust or joint pur-
21 chase group's claims, administrative or other expenses; and failure
22 of any such private employer to abide by such terms shall subject
23 such private employer to exclusion from the trust or joint purchase
24 group.

1 SECTION 2. This act will take effect upon passage.