

HOUSE No. 936

By Mr. Dempsey of Haverhill (by request), petition of Sue Pothier relative to preferred provider insurance policies. Financial Services.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PREFERRED PROVIDER INSURANCE POLICIES.

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 3 of Chapter 176I of the general Laws, as appearing in the
2 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following
3 subsection:—
4 (e) Preferred provider insurance policies shall full disclose the use
5 of discreet dollar co-payments which apply to any covered health
6 care benefits under the policy. Such co-payments shall be reason-
7 able in relation to the covered benefits to which they apply and shall
8 serve as an incentive rather than a barrier to access of appropriate
9 care and shall not work so as to unfairly deny necessary health care
10 services.