



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## **AN ACT**    **DEFINING A DOMESTIC PARTNER AS A SPOUSE AND DEPENDENT AS TO THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE**

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

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, in the City of Somerville, for Group Insurance Commission coverage purposes as established by General Laws Chapter 32B, any domestic partner in a registered domestic partnership with an employee of the City of Somerville, shall be a "dependent" and shall be entitled to participate in the election of coverages and benefits provided by the Group Insurance Commission to City of Somerville employees.

**SECTION 2.** Any member of a registered domestic partnership with the City of Somerville shall be considered a "spouse" with respect to all spousal rights established by the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

**SECTION 3.** This act shall take effect upon passage.

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**PETITION \_\_\_\_\_**

<b><u>CHIEF SPONSOR:</u></b>
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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court Assembled.*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill or resolve.

<b>PETITIONERS: LEGISLATOR/CITIZEN</b>	<b>DISTRICT/FULL MAILING ADDRESS</b>

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