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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**John J. Binienda**

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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:

An Act relative to establishing a fund for 'Prevent Blindness Massachusetts'.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| John J. Binienda | 17th Worcester |
| Moore, Michael O (SEN) | Second Worcester |
| Christine E. Canavan | 10th Plymouth |
| John P. Fresolo | 16th Worcester |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to establishing a fund for 'Prevent Blindness Massachusetts'.

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

Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 8E the following new section:—   
            Section 8E½. The application form for a renewal issuance or renewal extension shall include language permitting a voluntary contribution of $1 or more per applicant, to be quarterly distributed by the registrar to Prevent Blindness Massachusetts, a not-for-profit organization, to prevent blindness and preserve the sight of residents of this state. A statement providing an explanation of the purpose of the funds shall be included with the application form.  
            Prior to the registrar distributing funds collected pursuant to paragraph 8E½, Prevent Blindness Massachusetts must submit a report to the registrar that identifies how such funds were used during the preceding year.