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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Michael A. Costello**

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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 further defining authorized providers of independent clinical laboratory services .

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act further defining authorized providers of independent clinical laboratory services .

 *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 the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the Division of Medical Assistance shall promulgate regulations that are designed to conform with Chapter 160 of the Acts of 2006 governing independent clinical laboratory services by revising its definition of “authorized prescriber” at 130 CMR 401.402 to include, for the purpose of urine drug screenings, Department of Public Health-licensed substance abuse programs, state agencies and those vendors that contract with state agencies and are designated by the contracting agency to request such screenings.