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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Brian S. Dempsey**

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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 out of state collection agencies.

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to out of state collection agencies.

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

    Section 24 of chapter 93 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—
   The commissioner of banks shall regulate that nothing in this section, shall be construed to prohibit a person, firm, corporation or association regulated as a collection agency in another state or residing therein from communicating with a debtor in the commonwealth under the following conditions:—
   (a) Agency must be licensed and bonded in home state;
   (b) Collection to be done by interstate means such as telephone, fax or mail;
   (c) Collections are on behalf of creditors outside the commonwealth;
   (d) Agency registers with the commissioner and furnishes proof of licensing and bonding.