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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Robert F. Fennell**

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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 diagnostic screening for prostate cancer. .

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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 diagnostic screening for prostate cancer. .

*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, every contract which provides coverage for hospital, surgical or medical care shall provide the following coverage for diagnostic screening for prostatic cancer:  
(i) upon the recommendation of a physician, medically recognized diagnostic testing including, but not limited to, a digital rectal examination, transrectal ultrasonography and prostate-specific antigen test at any age for covered persons having a prior history of prostate cancer; and (ii) an annual medically recognized diagnostic examination including, but not limited to, a digital rectal examination, trans-rectal ultrasonography and a prostate-specific antigen test for all men aged forty and over.