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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Thomas A. Golden, Jr.**

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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 bank branches.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Thomas A. Golden, Jr. | 16th Middlesex |
| Denise Provost | 27th Middlesex |
| David M. Nangle | 17th Middlesex |

[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 bank branches.

*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.

                Section 1 of Chapter 167C, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding, the following definitions:

“Affiliate”, any company that controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with another company.

“Commercial Activities”, activities in which a bank holding company, a financial holding company, a national bank or a national bank financial subsidiary may not engage under federal law.

SECTION 2:

Section 3 of Chapter 167C is hereby amended by inserting at the end of the first paragraph the following sentence:  A bank or an out-of-state bank may not establish or maintain a branch in the commonwealth on the premises or property of an affiliate if the affiliate engages in commercial activities as defined under 12 U.S. C 1841 et.seq...