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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Peter J. Koutoujian**

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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 to increase the presence of dental hygienists on the board of registration in dentistry. .

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PETITION OF:

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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 to increase the presence of dental hygienists on the board of registration in dentistry. .

*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 19 of chapter 13 of the General laws, as amended by section 1 and section 2 of chapter 530 of the acts of 2008 , is hereby amended by striking out the first paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph: -

There shall be a board of registration in dentistry in the following 2 sections called the board, consisting of 12 persons, each of whom shall be a legal resident of the commonwealth, to be appointed by the governor; 6 of whom shall be graduates of a reputable dental college and be reputable dentists who have maintained a license to practice dentistry in the commonwealth who have maintained a license to practice dentistry in the commonwealth for the 8 years next preceding his appointment; 4 of whom shall be a graduate of a reputable school of dental hygiene and a reputable dental hygienist who has maintained a license to practice dental hygiene in the commonwealth for the 5 years preceding his appointment; 2 of whom shall be representatives of the public , subject to the provisions of section 9B. No more than 1 member of the board who is a dentist may be a full time member of the faculty or a trustee of any institution engaged in educating dentists or having power to confer degrees in dentistry. The governor shall appoint annually in April, for a term of 5 years, a successor to those members of the board whose terms are expiring in that month. No member shall serve more than 2 full terms.