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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Ronald Mariano**

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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 the health insurance connector authority.

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act Relative to the Health Insurance Connector Authority.

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

Section 2 of Chapter 176Q of the Massachusetts General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following:-

(b) There shall be a board, with duties and powers established by this chapter, which shall govern the connector. The connector board shall consist of 11 members: the secretary for administration and finance, ex officio, who shall serve as chairperson; the director of Medicaid, ex-officio; the commissioner of insurance, ex- officio; the executive director of the group insurance commission; 4 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a member in good standing of the American Academy of Actuaries, 1 of whom shall be a health economist, 1 of whom shall represent the interests of small businesses and 1 of whom shall be a member in good standing of the Massachusetts Association of Health Underwriters; and 3 members appointed by the attorney general, 1 of whom shall be an employee health benefits plan specialist, 1 of whom shall be a representative of a health consumer organization, and 1 of whom shall be a representative of organized labor. No appointee may be an employee of any licensed carrier authorized to do business in the commonwealth. All appointments shall serve a term of 3 years, but a person appointed to fill a vacancy shall serve only for the unexpired term. An appointed member of the board shall be eligible for reappointment. The board shall annually elect 1 of its members to serve as vice-chairperson. Each member of the board servicing ex-officio may appoint a designee under section 6A of chapter 30.