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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**William M. Straus**

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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 credit backed or bank issued gift cards.

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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 credit backed or bank issued gift cards.

*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 255D, as amended by Chapter 18 of the Act of 2003, is further amended by striking the definition of “Gift Certificate” and inserting in place thereof the following:—

            “Gift Certificate” a writing identified as a gift certificate or a credit backed or bank issued gift card, purchased by a buyer for use by a person other than the buyer not redeemable in cash and usable in its face amount in lieu of cash in exchange for goods or services supplied by the seller.