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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Martin J. Walsh**

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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 improving injured workers' access to adequate medical care.

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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 improving injured workers' access to adequate medical care.

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

 Section 13 of chapter 152 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2002 Official Edition is hereby amended in the first paragraph by adding at the end of the paragraph the following new sentence:-- "An administrative judge shall have the authority to determine the rate for said health care services if the insurer, employer and the health care service provider cannot agree or if equity and justice requires a rate other than so provided."