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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Walsh, Marian (SEN)**

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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 in favor of William J. Gormley.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Walsh, Marian (SEN) | Suffolk and Norfolk |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01047 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act in favor of William J. Gormley.

*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. That for the purpose of discharging a moral obligation of the commonwealth, and after an appropriation has been made thereof, there shall be allowed and paid out of the state treasury to Colonel William J. Gormley, III, Massachusetts National Guard, the sum of $44,983.12 for legal expenses incurred by him in defending himself against a civil complaint initiated by former Adjunct General Raymond A. Vezina. Said civil complaint having been subsequently withdrawn after evidence demonstrated that Colonel Gormley acted property and in good faith in executing his duties and responsibilities as a member of the Massachusetts Militia.