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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Jennifer L. Flanagan**

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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 Regarding Mutual Assistance Agreements. .

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act Regarding Mutual Assistance Agreements. .

*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.** Chapter 164 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 1H the following new section:-

Section 1I. The department shall, on an annual basis, review the mutual assistance agreements of each distribution, transmission and gas distribution company conducting business in the commonwealth; provided further, that in each agreement the company shall first offer mutual assistance to other companies in the commonwealth prior to offering such mutual assistance to another state.