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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Morrissey, Michael (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 relative to group insurance benefits for certain public retirees.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Morrissey, Michael (SEN) | Norfolk and Plymouth |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01607 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to group insurance benefits for certain public retirees.

 *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 10B of Chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting in line 17 the word “may” and inserting in place thereof the following: - shall.

SECTION 2. Section 10C of Chapter 32A of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by deleting in line 17 the word “may” and inserting in place thereof the following: - shall.

SECTION 3. Section 18 of Chapter 32A of the General Laws, as appearing so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting in line 21, at the end thereof, the following  words: - and any Medicare part B premium which said retirees, spouses and dependents are required to pay by the federal government.

SECTION 4. Section 18 of Chapter 32B of the General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting, at the end of the first paragraph, the following words: - and any Medicare part B premium which said retirees, spouses and dependents are required to pay by the federal government.

SECTION 5. The provisions of this section shall be prospective and limited to governmental units that accept the provisions of section 18 of chapter 32 of the General Laws on or after the effective date of this act.