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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Moore, Richard (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 MassHealth Enrollment for Persons Leaving Correctional Facilities

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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 MassHealth Enrollment for Persons Leaving Correctional Facilities.

*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 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004 Official Edition, is amended by adding the following new section:--

Section 61. The division, in collaboration with the Department of Correction, county jails, and county houses of correction, shall establish a system of medical care such that persons who will become eligible for MassHealth benefits upon release from Massachusetts correctional facilities shall begin receiving benefits immediately upon such release.