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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Robert A. O'Leary**

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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 Potential Anti-Competitive Behavior by Hospitals and Payers.

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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 Potential Anti-Competitive Behavior by Hospitals and Payers.

*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: Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, the office of the attorney general shall conduct a study addressing potential anti-competitive behavior by hospitals and insurance carriers in the commonwealth. The attorney general shall issue a report summarizing its findings and making recommendations not later than December 31, 2009, and shall file such report with the joint committee on health care financing.