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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Marc R. Pacheco**

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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 preventing discrimination against certain health care providers.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Marc R. Pacheco | First Plymouth and Bristol |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00628 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 preventing discrimination against certain health care providers.

*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 15(i) of chapter 176O of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, shall be amended by inserting the following sentence at the end thereof:-

“If any carrier, including a dental or vision carrier, offers health care, dental care, or vision care benefits, said carrier shall contract with health care professionals, dental professionals and vision care professionals in a manner which will provide an equal proportion of representation of each duly licensed provider type regardless of geographic location.”