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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 restroom access for medical reasons.

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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. S01315 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 restroom access for medical reasons.

 *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.  Not withstanding any General of Special Law to the contrary, any business or place where members of the public have access as invitees or licenses shall provide access to any restroom within said business or said place to anyone with a pressing medical condition, including pregnancy, ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease.  An individual requesting such access must present a physician's statement or identification card stating the medical condition prior to access to any restroom.

The failure to comply with the provisions of this law by any said business or said place shall be punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars.