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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 Requiring Reimbursement for the Costs of Providing Competent Interpreter Services.

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PETITION OF:

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| Moore, Richard (SEN) | Worcester and Norfolk |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00679 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act Requiring Reimbursement for the Costs of Providing Competent Interpreter Services.

 *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 23 A, paragraph (b), of Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence at the end thereof:

“The costs of providing interpreter services shall be recognized and separately reimbursed by the patient’s insurance provider, including but not limited to the Division of Medical Assistance or its agent”