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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**Mr. Brewer**

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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 to authorize the town of Winchendon to count the cost of school department retirees health insurance to be considered part of the school districts net school spending and the general government provides the required (50%) cost of said insurance.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| Mr. Brewer | Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S02763 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to authorize the town of Winchendon to count the cost of school department retirees health insurance to be considered part of the school districts net school spending and the general government provides the required (50%) cost of said insurance.

*Whereas*, The deferred operation for this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith in the interest of the Town of Winchendon to count the cost of school department retirees health insurance to be considered part of the school districts net school spending, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

 *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 any general or special law to the contrary, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Education is hereby authorized and directed to include in the determination of net school spending compliance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2008 for the Town of Winchendon all amounts paid by the Town for retirees of the school department for health insurance premiums paid in addition to the minimum required local contribution.