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PRESENTED BY:

**Ms. Jehlen**

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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 Expedite Insurance Coverage for New Employees of the Commonwealth .

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PETITION OF:

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act to Expedite Insurance Coverage for New Employees of the Commonwealth .

 *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. Chapter 32A of the General is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 24. Notwithstanding any other general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, new employees who are eligible for coverage and employees newly-eligible for coverage shall, upon enrollment in a health insurance plan offered by the commission, be immediately eligible for the benefits of such coverage. The commission shall not make any rules or regulations or otherwise require a waiting period for benefits coverage.