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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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PRESENTED BY:

**John P. Fresolo**  
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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 the insurance partnership.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

John P. Fresolo

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

16th Worcester

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE INSURANCE PARTNERSHIP.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Subsection (1) 9C of chapter 118E of the General Laws as appearing in the  
2   2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting the definition of “Eligible Employer” and  
3   inserting in place thereof the following;- “Eligible employer”, (i) an individual or an  
4   unincorporated business that employs one or more residents of the commonwealth, (ii) a  
5   corporation, including a foreign corporation, other than a governmental entity, that employs at  
6   least one or more residents of the commonwealth or (iii) a corporation or an unincorporated  
7   entity that is exempt from taxation under the provisions of section 501 (c) of the Internal  
8   Revenue Code of the United States, as amended and in effect for the taxable year; provided,  
9   further, that the method of determining the number of employees an employer has and the  
10   amount and types subsidies available to an eligible employer based upon employee family  
11   status shall be determined by the division; and further provided, that participating employers  
12   will not receive an employer subsidy for employees who are currently insured at the time of

13 their application to the Insurance Partnership. Employer groups newly applying to the  
14 Insurance Partnership will not be eligible for the employer subsidy.

15 SECTION 2 Subsection (1) 9C of chapter 118E of the General Laws as appearing in the 2006  
16 Official Edition, is hereby amended by deleting the definition “Eligible employee”, and inserting  
17 in place thereof the following; - “Eligible employee”, an employee: (i) who is employed by an  
18 eligible employer; (ii) who resides in the commonwealth; (iii) who has not attained age 65; (iv)  
19 who meets the financial and other eligibility standards set forth in regulations promulgated by  
20 the division, if the gross family income standard does not exceed 250% of the federal poverty  
21 level during their qualifying employer’s 2009 open enrollment date if they are currently insured  
22 in their employer’s plan; or if the gross family income standard does not exceed 300% of the  
23 federal poverty level during their qualifying employer’s 2010 open enrollment date if they are  
24 currently insured in their employer’s plan.