

HOUSE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martin J. Walsh

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 group insurance commission .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

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13th Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2823 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GROUP INSURANCE COMMISSION .

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. Chapter 32A of the Massachusetts General Laws shall be amended by striking
2 section 3 in its entirety and replace with the following:-

3 Section 3. There shall be established within the executive office of administration and
4 finance, but not under its jurisdiction, a special unpaid commission, to be known as the
5 group insurance commission, consisting of the commissioner of administration and
6 finance, the commissioner of insurance, and nine members to be appointed by the
7 governor, one of whom shall be a retired state employee, one of whom shall be a health
8 economist, and at least four of whom shall be full time state employees, of whom one
9 shall be a member of the Massachusetts Public Employees Council, #93, AFSCME,
10 Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, one of whom shall be a member of the
11 Massachusetts State Employees Association, NAGE, and one of whom shall be a member
12 of Local 254, S.E.I.U., Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, and one of whom

13 shall be a member of the Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists.
14 Not more than five appointive members of the commission shall be members of the same
15 political party. No member appointed by the governor shall be an insurance agent, broker,
16 employee or officer of any insurance company. Upon the expiration of the term of office
17 of any appointive member, his successor shall be appointed in like manner for a term of
18 three years. The commission shall be provided with suitable offices and may, subject to
19 appropriation, incur expenses and appoint an executive director who shall be the
20 executive and administrative head thereof and who shall not be subject to the provisions
21 of chapter thirty-one. The commission may empower the executive director to appoint
22 such employees as may be necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter. There
23 shall be paid by the commonwealth to each appointive member of said commission the
24 necessary expenses actually incurred in the discharge of his official duties. The
25 commission shall adopt such reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary for
26 the administration of this chapter and shall make an annual report to the governor and to
27 the general court which shall include any modifications or amendments made to contracts
28 executed under this chapter and shall be in such form as to enable employees to
29 understand the benefits available from the insurance program, including the cost thereof.

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