

**SENATE . . . . . No.**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Petruccelli, Anthony (SEN)**

*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 improving the health of GIC population and reducing the cost of health care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Petruccelli, Anthony (SEN)	First Suffolk and Middlesex

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT IMPROVING THE HEALTH OF GIC POPULATION AND REDUCING THE COST OF HEALTH CARE.

*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. Section 2 of Chapter 32A of the general Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official  
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new definition:-

3 “Wellness program”, is a program designed to measure and improve individual health by  
4 identifying risk factors, principally through diagnostic testing, and establishing plans to meet  
5 specific health goals which include appropriate preventive measures. Risk factors may include  
6 but not be limited to demographics, family history, behaviors and measured biometrics.

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8 SECTION 2. Said Chapter 32A is hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof the  
9 following new section:-

10 The commission shall negotiate with and purchase, on such terms as it deems to be in the  
11 best interest of the commonwealth and its employees, from one or more entities that can manage

12 a wellness program covering persons in the service of the commonwealth and their dependents,  
13 and shall execute all agreements or contracts pertaining to said program. Said commission may  
14 negotiate a contract for such term not exceeding five years as it may, in its discretion, deem to be  
15 the most advantageous to the commonwealth; provided, however that said program must be able  
16 to evaluate individual and aggregate data, give employees access to their individual information  
17 confidentially, and allow the commission to receive collective reports summarizing baseline and  
18 ongoing data regarding the behavior and well being of enrollees. The commission may reduce  
19 premiums or co-payments or offer other incentives to encourage enrollees to comply with the  
20 wellness program goals.

21 A report of the collective results, including but not limited to the level of participation  
22 among employees, incentives provided for participation, the number and type of screenings and  
23 diagnostic tests conducted, the instance of undiagnosed risks defined as out of range diagnostic  
24 tests, and number of employees seeking and receiving preventative treatment shall be submitted  
25 annually to the governor, the secretary of the executive office of health and human services, the  
26 secretary for administration and finance, the chairmen of the joint committees on health care  
27 financing, house and senate committees on ways and means, the speaker of the house, and the  
28 senate president. The commission shall use this information in the negotiating and purchasing,  
29 on such terms as it deems in the best interest of the commonwealth and its employees, from one  
30 or more insurance companies, savings banks or non-profit hospital or medical service  
31 corporations, a policy or policies of group life and accidental death and dismemberment  
32 insurance covering persons in the service of the commonwealth, and group general or blanket  
33 insurance providing hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance benefits  
34 covering persons in the service of the commonwealth and their dependents. The commission

35 shall also report annually to the governor, secretary for administration and finance, the chairmen  
36 of the joint committees on health care financing, house and senate committees on ways and  
37 means, the speaker of the house, and the senate president on the savings that have been achieved  
38 in procuring such insurance policies since implementing the wellness program.

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