

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc R. Pacheco

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 preventing discrimination against certain health care providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Marc R. Pacheco

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Plymouth and Bristol

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00628 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PREVENTING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST CERTAIN HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS.

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 15(i) of chapter 176O of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, shall be amended by inserting the following sentence at the end thereof:-

3 “If any carrier, including a dental or vision carrier, offers health care, dental care, or vision care benefits,
4 said carrier shall contract with health care professionals, dental professionals and vision care professionals
5 in a manner which will provide an equal proportion of representation of each duly licensed provider type
6 regardless of geographic location.”