

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Brian A. Joyce**

*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 provision of health coverage for municipal employees.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Brian A. Joyce

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth

# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE PROVISION OF HEALTH COVERAGE FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES.

*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 3 of Chapter 32B of the General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting  
2 after the first sentence of the first paragraph the following sentence:

3 “A governmental unit may satisfy the requirement set forth above with regard to group general  
4 or blanket insurance providing hospital, surgical, medical and dental benefits by accepting  
5 Section 16 of this Chapter and providing such benefits in accordance therewith.”

6 SECTION 2. Section 7A of said Chapter 32B as appearing, is hereby amended by striking out  
7 the last sentence of the first paragraph.

8 SECTION 3. Section 9E of said Chapter 32B as appearing, is hereby amended by striking out  
9 the last sentence of the first paragraph.

10 SECTION 4. Section 16 of said Chapter 32B, is hereby amended by striking the sixth paragraph  
11 and inserting in place thereof the following paragraph:-

12 The appropriate public authority may adopt such rules and regulations as may be necessary for  
13 the administration of this section, which may include the establishment of different premium  
14 contribution rates for employees than retirees, and different premium contribution rates for  
15 employees and/or retirees based on date of hire or retirement and/or level of regular  
16 compensation, as defined by Section 1 of Chapter 32.