

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Moore, Richard (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 Requiring Reimbursement for the Costs of Providing Competent Interpreter Services.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Moore, Richard (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Worcester and Norfolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S00679 OF 2007-2008.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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**AN ACT REQUIRING REIMBURSEMENT FOR THE COSTS OF PROVIDING COMPETENT  
INTERPRETER SERVICES.**

*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 23 A, paragraph (b), of Chapter 123 of the General Laws, as  
2 appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following sentence at  
3 the end thereof:  
4           “The costs of providing interpreter services shall be recognized and separately reimbursed by the  
5 patient’s insurance provider, including but not limited to the Division of Medical Assistance or  
6 its agent”