

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

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Stephen J. Buoniconti**

*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 TO FACILITATE THE RESOLUTION OF AUTO INSURANCE CLAIMS IN EMERGENCIES.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine  
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## AN ACT TO FACILITATE THE RESOLUTION OF AUTO INSURANCE CLAIMS IN EMERGENCIES.

*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 8G of chapter 26 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof  
2 the following: -

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4           Upon the declaration of an emergency in any area of the commonwealth by the governor or upon a  
5 declaration by the commissioner of insurance that severe weather conditions or other circumstances  
6 have resulted in a claims emergency, any insurer shall have the right to appoint temporary appraisers to  
7 facilitate the prompt resolution of claims arising out of such emergency. Such persons shall be deemed  
8 to be licensed for all purposes of this section, and such status shall terminate upon a determination by  
9 the commissioner of insurance that temporary appraisers are no longer required to facilitate the  
10 resolution of such claims.