

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Morrissey, Michael (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 to protect wages of employees who receive wages through an electronic wage card.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Morrissey, Michael (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk and Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S01086 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

**AN ACT TO PROTECT WAGES OF EMPLOYEES WHO RECEIVE WAGES THROUGH AN
ELECTRONIC WAGE CARD.**

*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 1 of chapter 149 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
2 official edition, is hereby amended in line 30 by inserting after the word “Discrimination” the
3 following:- “Electronic wage card, is an electronic card or other similar medium issued by an
4 employer to an employee in order for an employee to receive payment of wages from an
5 employer and where said employee’s wages are deposited into an account that is established and
6 controlled by the employer or by a third party as designated by an employer; provided further
7 that having employees pay for the implementation of said electronic wage card wage system
8 shall be prohibited.”

9 SECTION 2. Section 148 of chapter 149 of the General Laws is hereby amended in line 95 after
10 the words “to be reasonable.” by inserting the following:- “Any employer paying wages by
11 electronic wage card shall provide for such employee such facilities for the employee to

- 12 withdraw money from said account without charge by deduction from said account thereof or
- 13 otherwise, as shall be deemed by the attorney general as reasonable.”