

HOUSE No. 2641

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martin J. Walsh

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 group insurance commission .

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Martin J. Walsh

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

13th Suffolk

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2823 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE GROUP INSURANCE COMMISSION .

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. Chapter 32A of the Massachusetts General Laws shall be amended by striking
2 section 3 in its entirety and replace with the following:-

3 Section 3. There shall be established within the executive office of administration and finance,
4 but not under its jurisdiction, a special unpaid commission, to be known as the group insurance
5 commission, consisting of the commissioner of administration and finance, the commissioner of
6 insurance, and nine members to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be a retired
7 state employee, one of whom shall be a health economist, and at least four of whom shall be full
8 time state employees, of whom one shall be a member of the Massachusetts Public Employees
9 Council, #93, AFSCME, Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, one of whom shall be a
10 member of the Massachusetts State Employees Association, NAGE, and one of whom shall be a
11 member of Local 254, S.E.I.U., Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, and one of
12 whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and Scientists.
13 Not more than five appointive members of the commission shall be members of the same
14 political party. No member appointed by the governor shall be an insurance agent, broker,
15 employee or officer of any insurance company. Upon the expiration of the term of office of any
16 appointive member, his successor shall be appointed in like manner for a term of three years. The
17 commission shall be provided with suitable offices and may, subject to appropriation, incur
18 expenses and appoint an executive director who shall be the executive and administrative head
19 thereof and who shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter thirty-one. The commission may
20 empower the executive director to appoint such employees as may be necessary to administer the
21 provisions of this chapter. There shall be paid by the commonwealth to each appointive member
22 of said commission the necessary expenses actually incurred in the discharge of his official
23 duties. The commission shall adopt such reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary
24 for the administration of this chapter and shall make an annual report to the governor and to the

25 general court which shall include any modifications or amendments made to contracts executed
26 under this chapter and shall be in such form as to enable employees to understand the benefits
27 available from the insurance program, including the cost thereof.