## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Nine

An Act relative to health care proxies..

*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 4 of chapter 201D, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is
2	hereby amended by inserting, in line 6, after the word "authority", the following: including but
3	not limited to any express direction the principal wishes to impose upon the agent
4	SECTION 2. Section 5 of said chapter 201D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by
5	striking the sentence, in lines 1 through 4, inclusive, "An agent shall have the authority to make
6	any and all health care decisions on the principal's behalf that the principal could make,
7	including decisions about life-sustaining treatment, subject, however, to any express limitations
8	in the health care proxy." and inserting in place thereof the following sentence:-
9	An agent shall have the authority to make any and all health care decisions on the
10	principal's behalf that the principal could make, including decisions about life-sustaining
11	treatment, subject, however, to any express limitations or directives in the health care proxy,
12	which shall be binding upon the agent.