

HOUSE No. 2641

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand 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
2 striking section 3 in its entirety and replace with the following:-

3 Section 3. There shall be established within the executive office of administration and
4 finance, but not under its jurisdiction, a special unpaid commission, to be known as the group
5 insurance commission, consisting of the commissioner of administration and finance, the
6 commissioner of insurance, and nine members to be appointed by the governor, one of whom
7 shall be a retired state employee, one of whom shall be a health economist, and at least four of
8 whom shall be full time state employees, of whom one shall be a member of the Massachusetts
9 Public Employees Council, #93, AFSCME, Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, one
10 of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts State Employees Association, NAGE, and one
11 of whom shall be a member of Local 254, S.E.I.U., Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-
12 CIO, and one of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers
13 and Scientists. Not more than five appointive members of the commission shall be members of
14 the same political party. No member appointed by the governor shall be an insurance agent,

15 broker, employee or officer of any insurance company. Upon the expiration of the term of office
16 of any appointive member, his successor shall be appointed in like manner for a term of three
17 years. The commission shall be provided with suitable offices and may, subject to appropriation,
18 incur expenses and appoint an executive director who shall be the executive and administrative
19 head thereof and who shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter thirty-one. The
20 commission may empower the executive director to appoint such employees as may be necessary
21 to administer the provisions of this chapter. There shall be paid by the commonwealth to each
22 appointive member of said commission the necessary expenses actually incurred in the discharge
23 of his official duties. The commission shall adopt such reasonable rules and regulations as may
24 be necessary for the administration of this chapter and shall make an annual report to the
25 governor and to the general court which shall include any modifications or amendments made to
26 contracts executed under this chapter and shall be in such form as to enable employees to
27 understand the benefits available from the insurance program, including the cost thereof.