

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 4981**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the Year Two Thousand Ten**  
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An Act RELATIVE TO INSURANCE POLICIES FOR EMPLOYEES OF THE CITY OF  
LOWELL..

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority  
of the same, as follows:*

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2           SECTION 1. Notwithstanding chapters 32B and 150E of the General Laws, or any other  
3 general or special law or rule or regulation to the contrary, the city of Lowell may negotiate and  
4 purchase group insurance policies for employees, retirees and their dependents without being  
5 subject to collective bargaining as defined in said chapter 150E.

6           SECTION 2. The city of Lowell may alter current and future plan design features and  
7 such action shall not be subject to collective bargaining as defined in chapter 150E of the  
8 General Laws.

9           SECTION 3 The city of Lowell may participate in or join the Group Insurance  
10 Commission (“GIC”) pursuant to chapter 32A and such action shall not be subject to collective  
11 bargaining as defined in chapter 150E of the General Laws.

12           SECTION 4. The provisions of this act shall not affect obligations under any collective  
13 bargaining agreements while such agreements are in effect.

14 SECTION 5. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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