

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 2959

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Thomas A. Golden, Jr.*

*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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to authorizing a local option for group classification.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/21/2011</i>
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2011</i>

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By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2959) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr. and Jennifer E. Benson for legislation to authorize a local option for group classification. Public Service.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1066 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act relative to authorizing a local option for group classification.

*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. Paragraph (g) of subdivision (2) of section 3 of chapter 32 of the General  
2   Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after line 307  
3   the following new paragraph:-

4           Any municipality or public authority may elect to improve the retirement group  
5   classification for any group of employees of the municipality or the public authority upon its  
6   acceptance in the following manner: in a city having a Plan D or a Plan E charter by majority  
7   vote of its city council and approved by the manager; in any other city by majority vote of the  
8   city council and approved by the mayor; in a town by vote of the board of selectmen; in a public  
9   authority by majority vote of the authority governing board. Nothing in this act shall be

- 10 construed as authorization to diminish the retirement benefits of public employees by placing
- 11 any group of employees in a lower group of classification.