

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 673**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Richard Bastien*

*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 to authorize the city of Gardner to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies for employees and dependents without being subject to collective bargaining.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                  | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:    | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Richard Bastien</i> | <i>2nd Worcester</i> | <i>1/18/2011</i> |

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By Mr. Bastien of Gardner, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 673) of Richard Bastien (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation authorizing the city of Gardner to join the Group Insurance Commission. Public Service. [Local Approval Received.]

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 5064 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven  
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An Act to authorize the city of Gardner to negotiate and purchase group insurance policies for employees and dependents without being subject to collective bargaining.

*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

2 Notwithstanding the provisions of chapter 32B and chapter 150E of the General Laws or  
3 any other general or special law to the contrary, the City of Gardner is authorized to negotiate  
4 and purchase group insurance policies for Employees, Retirees and Dependents without being  
5 subject to collective bargaining as defined in chapter 150E of the general laws.