

HOUSE No. 2525

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Daniel Cullinane

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 regarding the Group Insurance Commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	
<i>Brian Murray</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>	
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Bristol</i>	
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	

<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	
<i>Diana DiZoglio</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>	
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>	
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	
<i>Gerard Cassidy</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Kathleen O'Connor Ives</i>	<i>First Essex</i>	
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>	
<i>Natalie Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	

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By Mr. Cullinane of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2525) of Daniel Cullinane and others relative to the composition of the Group Insurance Commission. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act regarding 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 Chapter 32A of the general laws is hereby amended by striking section 3 and inserting
2 the following section: -

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, the senate president, or his designee, the speaker of the house, or his
7 designee, and 11 members to be appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a retired state
8 employee, appointed from a list of 3 representatives nominated by the president of the Retired
9 State, County and Municipal Employees Association of Massachusetts, 1 of whom shall be a
10 health economist and at least 3 of whom shall be full-time state employees, 1 shall be a member
11 of the Massachusetts Public Employees Council, #93, AFSCME, Massachusetts State Labor
12 Council, AFL/CIO, appointed from a list of 3 representatives nominated by executive director of

13 AFSCME Council 93,1 shall be a member of the Massachusetts State Employees Association,
14 NAGE appointed from a list of 3 representatives nominated by president of the National
15 Association of Government Employees, 1 labor representative appointed by the governor from a
16 list of 3 representatives of public employees nominated by the president of the Massachusetts
17 Chapter of the AFL/CIO, and 1 labor representative shall be appointed by the governor from a
18 list of 3 representatives nominated by the President of Local 5000 SEIU/Trial Court, 1 of whom
19 shall be a management representative appointed from a list of 3 representatives nominated by the
20 Massachusetts Municipal Association and 1 of whom shall be a labor representative appointed
21 from a list of 3 representatives nominated by the president of the teachers' union with the greatest
22 amount of active and retired members enrolled in commission health plans. In addition, upon the
23 transfer of 45,000 subscribers from municipal governmental units to the group insurance
24 commission pursuant to section 19 of chapter 32B, there shall be an additional management
25 representative appointed by the governor from a list of 3 representatives nominated by the
26 Massachusetts Municipal Association and an additional labor representative appointed by the
27 governor from a list of 3 representatives of municipal public safety employees nominated by the
28 president of the Massachusetts Chapter of the AFL/CIO. Whenever an organization nominates a
29 list of representatives for appointment by the governor under this section, the organization may
30 nominate additional candidates if the governor declines to appoint any of those originally
31 nominated. Not more than 55 per cent of the appointive members of the commission shall be
32 members of the same political party. No member appointed by the governor shall be an insurance
33 agent, broker, employee or officer of an insurance company. Upon the expiration of the term of
34 office of an appointive member, his successor shall be appointed in like manner for a term of 3
35 years. The commission shall be provided with suitable offices and may, subject to appropriation,

36 incur expenses and appoint an executive director who shall be the executive and administrative
37 head of the commission and who shall not be subject to chapter 31. The commission may
38 authorize the executive director to appoint such employees as may be necessary to administer
39 this chapter. There shall be paid by the commonwealth to each appointive member of the
40 commission the necessary expenses actually incurred in the discharge of his official duties. The
41 commission shall adopt such reasonable rules and regulations as may be necessary for the
42 administration of this chapter and shall make an annual report to the governor and to the general
43 court which shall include any modifications or amendments made to contracts executed under
44 this chapter. The rules and regulations shall be in such form as to enable employees to
45 understand the benefits available from the insurance program, including the cost thereof.