

HOUSE No. 744

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Martin J. Walsh

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 the GIC.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Martin J. Walsh

Sean Garballey

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

13th Suffolk

23rd Middlesex

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By Mr. Walsh of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 744) of Martin J. Walsh and Sean Garballey relative to the Group Insurance Commission for public employees. Public Service.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to the GIC.

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,
12 AFL-CIO, and one of whom shall be a member of the Massachusetts Organization of State
13 Engineers and Scientists. Not more than five appointive members of the commission shall be

14 members of the same political party. No member appointed by the governor shall be an insurance
15 agent, broker, employee or officer of any insurance company. Upon the expiration of the term of
16 office of any appointive member, his successor shall be appointed in like manner for a term of
17 three years. The commission shall be provided with suitable offices and may, subject to
18 appropriation, incur expenses and appoint an executive director who shall be the executive and
19 administrative head thereof and who shall not be subject to the provisions of chapter thirty-one.
20 The commission may empower the executive director to appoint such employees as may be
21 necessary to administer the provisions of this chapter. There shall be paid by the commonwealth
22 to each appointive member of said commission the necessary expenses actually incurred in the
23 discharge of his official duties. The commission shall adopt such reasonable rules and
24 regulations as may be necessary for the administration of this chapter and shall make an annual
25 report to the governor and to the general court which shall include any modifications or
26 amendments made to contracts executed under this chapter and shall be in such form as to enable
27 employees to understand the benefits available from the insurance program, including the cost
28 thereof.