

HOUSE No. 2823

By Mr. Walsh of Boston, petition of Martin J. Walsh relative to the Group Insurance Commission. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO 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 Massachusetts General Laws shall be
2 amended by striking section 3 in its entirety and replace with the
3 following:—

4 Section 3. There shall be established within the executive office
5 of administration and finance, but not under its jurisdiction, a special
6 unpaid commission, to be known as the group insurance commis-
7 sion, consisting of the commissioner of administration and finance,
8 the commissioner of insurance, and nine members to be appointed
9 by the governor, one of whom shall be a retired state employee, one
10 of whom shall be a health economist, and at least four of whom shall
11 be full time state employees, of whom one shall be a member of the
12 Massachusetts Public Employees Council, #93, AFSCME, Massa-
13 chusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, one of whom shall be a
14 member of the Massachusetts State Employees Association, NAGE,
15 and one of whom shall be a member of Local 254, S.E.I.U., Massa-
16 chusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, and one of whom shall be a
17 member of the Massachusetts Organization of State Engineers and
18 Scientists.

19 Not more than five appointive members of the commission shall
20 be members of the same political party. No member appointed by
21 the governor shall be an insurance agent, broker, employee or officer
22 of any insurance company. Upon the expiration of the term of office
23 of any appointive member, his successor shall be appointed in like
24 manner for a term of three years. The commission shall be provided

25 with suitable offices and may, subject to appropriation, incur
26 expenses and appoint an executive director who shall be the execu-
27 tive and administrative head thereof and who shall not be subject to
28 the provisions of chapter thirty-one. The commission may empower
29 the executive director to appoint such employees as may be neces-
30 sary to administer the provisions of this chapter. There shall be paid
31 by the Commonwealth to each appointive member of said commis-
32 sion the necessary expenses actually incurred in the discharge of his
33 official duties. The commission shall adopt such reasonable rules
34 and regulations as may be necessary for the administration of this
35 chapter and shall make an annual report to the governor and to the
36 general court which shall include any modifications or amendments
37 made to contracts executed under this chapter and shall be in such
38 form as to enable employees to understand the benefits available
39 from the insurance program, including the cost thereof.