

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3169**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:  
**John J. Binienda**

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:  
An Act relative to establishing a fund for 'Prevent Blindness Massachusetts'.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John J. Binienda	17th Worcester
Moore, Michael O (SEN)	Second Worcester
Christine E. Canavan	10th Plymouth
John P. Fresolo	16th Worcester
Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
Ann-Margaret Ferrante	5th Essex

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3435 OF 2007-2008.]

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**  
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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO ESTABLISHING A FUND FOR 'PREVENT BLINDNESS MASSACHUSETTS'.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

Chapter 90 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 8E the following new section:—  
§ 8E½. The application form for a renewal issuance or renewal extension shall include language permitting a voluntary contribution of \$1 or more per applicant, to be quarterly distributed by the registrar to Prevent Blindness Massachusetts, a not-for-profit organization, to prevent blindness and preserve the sight of residents of this state. A statement providing an explanation of the purpose of the funds shall be included with the application form.  
§ 8E½. Prior to the registrar distributing funds collected pursuant to paragraph 8E½, Prevent Blindness Massachusetts must submit a report to the registrar that identifies how such funds were used during the preceding year.