

HOUSE No. 911

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sean Garballey (BY REQUEST)

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 ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE IN THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OFFICE TO STUDY ESTABLISHING MUNICIPALLY-SPONSORED AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE PROGRAMS.

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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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.** The Office of the Attorney General shall convene a task force to assess the potential costs
2 and benefits of municipally sponsored auto insurance programs, and draft standards and regulations by
3 which such insurance programs shall operate. Regulations shall include establishing a State-run umbrella
4 network under which the municipal auto insurance programs shall be joined, for reinsurance purposes and
5 cost leveling among low risk and high risk localities. This study shall include assessing potential revenue
6 which Towns and Cities could derive from local auto insurance programs, such revenue to pay for
7 services required for safe automobile traffic: street maintenance, traffic lights, police services, and snow
8 plowing.

9 **SECTION 2.** The task force shall submit a report, including draft standards and regulations, to the
10 appropriate committees on municipal finance and automobile insurance within 6 months of the effective
11 date of this act.