

**SENATE . . . . . No. 00450**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Marc R. Pacheco*

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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 preventing discrimination against certain health care providers.

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Marc R. Pacheco*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*First Plymouth and Bristol*

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By Mr. Pacheco, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 450) of Pacheco for legislation to prevent discrimination against certain health care providers [Joint Committee on Financial Services].

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE  
□ SENATE  
□ , NO. 508 OF 2009-2010.]

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand Eleven**  
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An Act relative to preventing discrimination against certain health care providers.

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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. Section 15(i) of chapter 176O of the General Laws, as appearing in the  
2 2006 Official Edition, shall be amended by inserting the following sentence at the end thereof:-

3 “If any carrier, including a dental or vision carrier, offers health care, dental care, or  
4 vision care benefits, said carrier shall contract with health care professionals, dental professionals  
5 and vision care professionals in a manner which will provide an equal proportion of  
6 representation of each duly licensed provider type regardless of geographic location.”