

By Mr. Kollios of Millbury, petitor of Paul Kollios and Mary Jane McKenna for legislation to authorize the appropriate public authority of a governmental unit to designate a health maintenance organization as the primary health benefit carrier for its employees. Insurance.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING A MUNICIPALITY TO DESIGNATE A HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION AS THE PRIMARY HEALTH BENEFIT CARRIER FOR ITS EMPLOYEES.

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

1 In cities and towns which accept the provisions of this section,  
2 Section 3 of Chapter 32B is amended by inserting after the last  
3 paragraph after Section 3, the following paragraph: —

4 Notwithstanding any provisions of this section to the contrary,  
5 the appropriate public authority of the governmental unit may,  
6 in lieu of the policy or policies of group general or blanket  
7 insurance described in paragraph one of this section, negotiate for  
8 and purchase, on such terms as it deems to be in the best interest  
9 of the governmental unit and its employees, services of a health  
10 care organization to provide for the hospital, surgical, medical,  
11 and dental benefits of its employees and their dependents required  
12 under this section. For the purposes of this chapter, a contract  
13 with such health care organization shall be deemed a contract of  
14 insurance, and all other provisions of paragraph one of this section  
15 shall be applicable to such contract with a health care  
16 organization. If the applicable public authority exercises its right  
17 under this paragraph, such health care organization shall be  
18 deemed the primary health benefit carrier for such municipality.

