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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Thomas A. Golden, Jr.

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:

An Act relative to authorizing a local option for group classification.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	*16th Middlesex*
Jennifer E. Benson	*37th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Golden of Lowell, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2959) of Thomas A. Golden, Jr. and Jennifer E. Benson for legislation to authorize a local option for group classification. Public Service.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *1066* OF 2009-2010.]

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An Act relative to authorizing a local option for group classification.

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

SECTION 1. Paragraph (g) of subdivision (2) of section 3 of chapter 32 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after line 307 the following new paragraph:-

Any municipality or public authority may elect to improve the retirement group classification for any group of employees of the municipality or the public authority upon its acceptance in the following manner: in a city having a Plan D or a Plan E charter by majority vote of its city council and approved by the manager; in any other city by majority vote of the city council and approved by the mayor; in a town by vote of the board of selectmen; in a public authority by majority vote of the authority governing board. Nothing in this act shall be construed as authorization to diminish the retirement benefits of public employees by placing any group of employees in a lower group of classification.