

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Anthony D. Galluccio

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 equal access to higher education and generating revenue for the commonwealth.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Anthony D. Galluccio	Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex
Sonia Chang-Díaz	Second Suffolk
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT RELATIVE TO EQUAL ACCESS TO HIGHER EDUCATION AND GENERATING REVENUE FOR THE COMMONWEALTH.

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 9 of Chapter 15A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:—

3 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, for the purpose of determining
4 eligibility for in-state tuition rates and fees at public institutions of higher education, except the
5 University of Massachusetts Medical School, any individual admitted to such public institutions
6 of higher education, other than a non-immigrant alien within the meaning of paragraph 15 of
7 subsection (a) of Section 1101 of Title 8 of the United States Code, who has attended high school
8 in the commonwealth for 3 or more years and has achieved graduation from a high school in the
9 commonwealth or attained the equivalent thereof, shall be eligible to pay in-state tuition rates
10 and fees at the University of Massachusetts, or any state or community college. No person
11 qualified for in-state tuition rates and fees under this chapter shall be denied in-state tuition and
12 fees as a result of the granting of eligibility under this paragraph. An eligible individual shall
13 provide the University of Massachusetts, or the state or community college with (i) a document
14 reflecting issuance of an individual taxpayer identification number (ITIN) in lieu of his or her
15 social security number for such purposes as a social security number may be required under
16 federal law and (ii) a signed affidavit stating that the individual will apply for citizenship or legal
17 permanent residence in accordance with federal statute and federal regulations within 120 days
18 of eligibility for such status.