

**SENATE . . . . . No. 879**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Morrissey, Michael (SEN)**

*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 restroom access for medical reasons.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Morrissey, Michael (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk and Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. S01315 OF 2007-2008.]

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO RESTROOM ACCESS FOR MEDICAL REASONS.

*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. Notwithstanding any General or Special Law to the contrary, any business  
2 or place where members of the public have access as invitees or licensees shall provide access to  
3 any restroom within said business or said place to anyone with a pressing medical condition,  
4 including pregnancy, ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease. An individual requesting such access  
5 must present a physician's statement or identification card stating the medical condition prior to  
6 access to any restroom.

7           The failure to comply with the provisions of this law by any said business or said place shall be  
8 punishable by a fine of one hundred dollars.