

HOUSE No. 1359

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sheila C. Harrington

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 adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act amending spousal support payments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>

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By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1359) of Sheila C. Harrington and others relative to amending spousal support payments by wage assignment and account garnishment . The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act amending spousal support payments.

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 35A. Chapter 208 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 35, the following new section:—

3 After a hearing had upon its own motion, or at the time a support order is issued or
4 modified or as a result of a complaint for contempt due to failure of spousal support payments,
5 and upon a particular finding of reasonable necessity to assure timely and consistent payments,
6 the court may make a finding that future spousal support payments may be made through wage
7 assignment, account garnishment or other means available to the department of revenue.