

HOUSE No. 1852

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer E. Benson

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 relative to diabetes prevention.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Carlos Gonzalez</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Michael J. Finn</i>	<i>6th Hampden</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>

<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Daniel R. Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>

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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1852) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to diabetes prevention. Public Health.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to diabetes prevention.

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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following new section:-

3 Section 238. (a) Subject to appropriation, the commissioner of public health shall
4 establish within the department a diabetes action plan. The department shall develop the plan in
5 consultation with the health policy commission, the center for health information and analysis,
6 the group insurance commission and the division of medical assistance.

7 (b) The diabetes action plan shall identify goals and benchmarks to reduce the prevalence
8 and impact of diabetes in the commonwealth and develop appropriate state agency and
9 department plans to reduce the incidence of diabetes in the commonwealth, improve diabetes
10 care, and control complications associated with diabetes.

11 (c) The department, in consultation with the health policy commission, the center for
12 health information and analysis, the group insurance commission and the division of medical

13 assistance, shall submit a biennial report by July 1 of each odd-numbered year to the senate
14 committee on ways and means, the house committee on ways and means, the joint committee on
15 health care financing, and the joint committee on public health on

16 (i) the financial effect of diabetes in the commonwealth and its political subdivisions;

17 (ii) the number of persons affected by diabetes in the commonwealth;

18 (iii) the number of persons included in prevention and diabetes control programs
19 implemented by the department and other state agencies, municipalities, non-governmental
20 entities and others;

21 (iv) the effects and benefits of implemented programs and activities aimed at controlling
22 diabetes and preventing the disease;

23 (v) a description of the level of coordination existing between state agencies with respect
24 to diabetes prevention, control and treatment and actions taken under the diabetes action plan;

25 (vi) a description of goals and benchmarks established pursuant to said plan;

26 (vii) the extent of progress made toward achieving the goals and benchmarks established
27 pursuant to said plan;

28 (viii) a description of any additional actions that should be implemented relative to
29 diabetes prevention, control and treatment;

30 (ix) a description of the funding needs for any programs established or recommended
31 pursuant to said plan; and

32 (x) recommendations, if any, for legislation relative to diabetes prevention, control and
33 treatment.