

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 1888**

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>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>



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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1888) of Jennifer E. Benson and others for legislation to establish a Diabetes state action plan  
. Public Health.

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

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. There is hereby established, within the executive office of health and  
2 human services, the Massachusetts Diabetes State Action Plan.

3 The Action Plan shall address the prevalence of diabetes in the Commonwealth which  
4 impacts 690,004 people, costing the Massachusetts economy \$6.6 billion. The appropriate state  
5 departments and agencies, including but not limited to the department of public health, the health  
6 policy commission, the center for health information and analysis, the group insurance  
7 commission and MassHealth shall collaborate to identify and better understand the impact of  
8 diabetes in the commonwealth; identify goals and benchmarks to reduce the prevalence and  
9 impact of diabetes in the commonwealth; and shall develop appropriate state agency and  
10 department plans to reduce the incidence of diabetes in the commonwealth, improve diabetes  
11 care, and control complications associated with diabetes.

12 SECTION 2. The executive office of health and human services, in coordination with  
13 department of public health, the health policy commission, the center for health information and  
14 analysis, the Group Insurance Commission, and MassHealth, shall submit a report to the senate  
15 committee on ways and means, the house committee on ways and means, the joint committee on  
16 health care finance, and the joint committee on public health, within 18 months of passage of this  
17 act and by July 1st of each odd-numbered year on the following:

18 1. The financial impact and reach diabetes of all types is having on the commonwealth,  
19 and its municipalities. Items included in this assessment shall include the number of lives with  
20 diabetes impacted or covered by the entity, the number of lives with diabetes and family  
21 members impacted by prevention and diabetes control programs implemented by the entity, the  
22 financial toll or impact diabetes and its complications places on the program, and the financial  
23 toll or impact diabetes and its complications places on the program in comparison to other  
24 chronic diseases and conditions;

25 2. An assessment of the benefits of implemented programs and activities aimed at  
26 controlling diabetes and preventing the disease. This assessment shall also document the  
27 amount and source for any funding appropriated by the state for programs and activities aimed at  
28 reaching those with diabetes;

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30 3. A description of the level of coordination existing between the entities on activities,  
31 programmatic activities and messaging on managing, treating, or preventing all forms of diabetes  
32 and its complications;

33           4. The development or revision of detailed action plans and recommendations for battling  
34 diabetes with a range of actionable items for consideration by the state legislature and governor.  
35 The plans shall identify proposed action steps to reduce the impact of diabetes, pre-diabetes, and  
36 related diabetes complications. The plan shall also identify expected outcomes of the action steps  
37 proposed in the following biennium while also establishing benchmarks for controlling and  
38 preventing relevant forms of diabetes; and

39           5. The development of a detailed budget blueprint identifying needs, costs, and resources  
40 required to implement the plan identified in subsection (4) of this section. This blueprint shall  
41 include a budget range for all options presented in the plan identified in subsection (4) of this  
42 section for consideration by the state legislature.