

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 2057**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

***John W. Scibak***

*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 the Massachusetts Alzheimer’s Project.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo L. D’Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>

*Benjamin Swan*  
*Paul McMurtry*

*11th Hampden*  
*11th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2057) of John W. Scibak and others for legislation to establish in the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services a Massachusetts Alzheimer’s project. Public Health.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 2078 OF 2013-2014.]

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act relative to the Massachusetts Alzheimer’s Project.

*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 6A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 16S the following section:-

3 Section 16T. (a) There is hereby established, within the executive office of health and  
4 human services, the Massachusetts Alzheimer’s Project, hereinafter called the project.

5 (b) The purpose of the project shall be to:

6 (1) accelerate the development of treatments that would prevent, halt or reverse the  
7 course of Alzheimer's disease;

8 (2) create and maintain an integrated state plan to overcome Alzheimer's disease;

9 (3) help coordinate the health care and treatment of individuals with Alzheimer's disease;

10 (4) ensure the inclusion of ethnic and racial populations, who have a higher risk for  
11 Alzheimer's disease or are least likely to receive care in clinical, research and service efforts,  
12 with the purpose of decreasing health disparities in Alzheimer's disease;

13 (5) coordinate with federal government bodies to integrate and inform the fight against  
14 Alzheimer's disease; and

15 (6) provide information and coordination of Alzheimer's disease research and services  
16 across all state agencies.

17 (c) The project shall be responsible for creating the state plan, described in subsection (d),  
18 updating the state plan and evaluating all state programs that address Alzheimer's disease.

19 (d) The project shall carry out an annual assessment of the states progress in preparing for  
20 the escalating burden of Alzheimer's disease. The assessment shall set forth a state plan which  
21 includes both implementation steps and recommendations for priority actions based on the  
22 assessment.

23 (e) There is hereby established an advisory council on Alzheimer's disease research and  
24 treatment.

25 (1) The advisory council shall be comprised of the following experts: (i) a designee of the  
26 secretary of health and human services; (ii) a designee of the commissioner of public health; (iii)  
27 a designee of the secretary of veterans services; (iv) a designee of the director of the office of  
28 Medicaid; (v) 2 Alzheimer's disease patient advocates; (vi) 2 Alzheimer's disease caregivers;  
29 (vii) 2 health care providers; (viii) 2 researchers with Alzheimer-related expertise in basic,

30 translational, clinical or drug development science; and (ix) 2 voluntary health association  
31 representatives, including a state Alzheimer's disease organization that funds research and has  
32 demonstrated experience in care and patient services and a state based advocacy organization  
33 that provides services to families and professionals, including information and referral, support  
34 groups, care consultation, education and safety services.

35 (2) The advisory council shall meet quarterly and such meetings shall be open to the  
36 public.

37 (3) The advisory council shall advise the project on the states Alzheimer's disease policy.

38 (4) The advisory council shall provide to the project an annual report which includes:  
39 information and recommendations on Alzheimer's disease policy; an evaluation of all state-  
40 funded efforts in Alzheimer's disease research, clinical care, institutional, home-based and  
41 community-based programs; the outcomes of such efforts; and an annually updated state plan.