

HOUSE No. 02727

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera

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 to establish an Alzheimer's state plan commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
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By Ms. Coakley-Rivera of Springfield, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2727) of Swan and others relative to the establishment of an Alzheimer's state plan commission (including members of the General Court) to assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease on residents of the Commonwealth Joint Committee on Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
□ HOUSE
□ , NO. 533 OF 2009-2010.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to establish an Alzheimer's state plan commission.

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 . Pursuant to section 2 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, the Alzheimer's State Plan
2 Commission is established. The Alzheimer's State Plan Co mmission will consist of the
3 following members, including, but not limited to, the Chairpersons of the Joint Committee on
4 Healthcare Financing; Elder Affairs; and Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities or
5 their designees, at least 1 person with Alzheimer's disease; 1 caregiver of a person with
6 Alzheimer's disease; 1 representative of the nursing facility industry; 1 representative of the
7 assisted living industry; 1 representative of the adult day services industry; 1 representative of
8 the medical care provider community; 1 representative of the home care/home health industry; 1

9 representative from hospice; 1 Alzheimer's disease researcher; and 1 representative from the
10 Alzheimer's Association Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter to be appointed by the
11 Governor.

12 Additional members are to be the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, the
13 Secretary of the Executive Office of Elder Affairs, the Secretary of the Executive Office of
14 Health and Human Services, the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Retardation, the
15 Director of the Office of Medicaid, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and
16 Security, and the Secretary of the Executive Office of Labor and Workforce Development, or
17 their designees.

18 Members of the Commission shall serve on a voluntary basis and are not entitled to mileage, per
19 diem, subsistence or other forms of compensation.

20 Section 2. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall convene the Alzheimer's
21 State Plan Commission and the Secretary shall serve as the chair.

22 Section 3 . The Alzheimer's State Plan Commission is directed to assess the current and future
23 impact of Alzheimer's disease on residents of the Commonwealth, to examine the existing
24 industries, services and resources addressing the needs of persons with Alzheimer's , their
25 families and caregivers; and to develop a strategy to mobilize a state response.

26 Section 4. This report is to include:

27 (1) trends in the Commonwealth's Alzheimer's population and needs, including the changing
28 population with dementia;

29 (2) existing services, resources, and the capacity to serve persons with Alzheimer's and related
30 dementia; and,

31 (3) needed state policies or responses, including but not limited to directions for the clear and
32 coordinated services and supports to persons and families living with Alzheimer's and related
33 disorders and strategies to address any identified gaps in services.

34 Section 5. The Alzheimer's State Plan Commission is directed to hold public meetings as
35 needed and utilize technological means, such as webcasts, to generate discussion and gather
36 feedback on the recommendations from persons and families affected by Alzheimer's disease
37 and the general public across the Commonwealth.

38 Section 6. The Alzheimer's State Plan Commission is directed to submit a report of its findings
39 and data-specific recommendations to the Governor, the General Court, the Department of Elder
40 Affairs, the Joint Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, and the Joint
41 Committee on Healthcare Financing on the form of a State Alzheimer's Plan no later than
42 February 1, 2010.

43 Section 7. The Alzheimer's State Plan Commission shall sunset upon delivery of the State
44 Alzheimer's Plan.