

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 02900**

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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

*Peter J. Koutoujian*

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*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 Resolve:

An Act relative to the study on methods to reduce incidents of suicide

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PETITION OF:

NAME:

*Peter J. Koutoujian*

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

*10th Middlesex*

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By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, a petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 2900) of Koutoujian investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to public health policy initiatives and strategies to reduce incidents of suicide in the Commonwealth Joint Committee on Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

### **RESOLVE An Act relative to the study on methods to reduce incidents of suicide**

Resolved,

1 Resolved, There is hereby established a special commission to investigate and study the problem  
2 of suicide across the lifespan, to consider innovative and coordinated measures to prevent and  
3 reduce the incidence of suicide through prevention and public health policy initiatives and  
4 strategies, and to identify strategies to support and implement a state plan to reduce the incidence  
5 of suicide and self harm. The commission shall consist of 17 members, including: (i) the  
6 commissioner of public health who shall chair the commission, the commissioner of elder  
7 affairs, the commissioner of elementary and secondary education, the commissioner of mental  
8 health, the commissioner of public safety, the commissioner of youth services, the attorney  
9 general, a member of the senate appointed by the senate president, the minority leader of the  
10 senate, 2 members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker, the minority leader  
11 of the house of representatives, or their designees; and (ii) the following persons appointed by  
12 the commissioner of public health: a suicide prevention professional, a member of the  
13 commission on gay and lesbian youth, a suicide prevention advocate, a suicide survivor, and a

14 representative from the leadership of the Massachusetts Coalition for Suicide Prevention. The  
15 commission shall be covered under the auspices of the Massachusetts Coalition for Suicide  
16 Prevention and the injury prevention and control program of the department of public health.  
17 The commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study,  
18 together with recommendations and drafts of legislation necessary to carry out the  
19 recommendations, by filing the same with the clerks of the house of representatives and the  
20 senate within 1 year of convening.