

HOUSE No. 3025

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Louis L. Kafka

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 establishing an taskforce on the transportation of elders, veterans, and those with disabilities.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>James E. Timilty</i>	<i>Bristol and Norfolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</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>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>

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By Mr. Kafka of Stoughton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3025) of Louis L. Kafka and others providing for an investigation and study to identify existing structural or policy-based impediments to delivering a more comprehensive and efficient transportation system for the senior, disabled, and veteran populations . Transportation.

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

An Act establishing an taskforce on the transportation of elders, veterans, and those with disabilities.

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 shall be a special task force convened to identify existing structural
2 or policy-based impediments to delivering a more comprehensive and efficient transportation
3 system for the senior, disabled, and veteran populations of the Commonwealth.

4 The task force shall consist of 12 members: 1 of whom shall be the Secretary of Elder
5 Affairs or their designee, who shall serve as chair; 1 of whom shall be the Secretary of Veterans
6 Affairs or their designee; 1 of whom shall be the Secretary of Transportation or their designee; 1
7 of whom shall be a representative of the Massachusetts Councils on Aging; 1 of whom shall be a
8 representative of the Disabled Persons Protection Commission; 1 of whom shall be a
9 representative of the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority; 1 of whom shall be a representative
10 of the Massachusetts Regional Transit Authorities; 1 of whom shall be a representative of the
11 Massachusetts Municipal Association; 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Disabled

12 American Veterans Department of Massachusetts; 1 of whom shall be a representative of the
13 Massachusetts Office on Disability; 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Human Service
14 Transportation Office; and 1 of whom shall be a representative of HESSCO Elder Services.

15 In its examination, the task force shall review how transit service is currently provided to
16 the senior, disabled, and veteran population of the Commonwealth by both public and private
17 means and identify problems owing to redundancy and overlapping jurisdictions/service areas in
18 both the scheduling and delivery of transportation services. The task force shall then draft
19 recommendations to improve the way transportation is provided to the elder, disabled, and
20 veteran populations in a more efficient, cost-effective manner.

21 The task force shall submit its report, findings, recommendations and any proposed
22 legislation and regulatory changes to the Governor, the joint committee on Elder Affairs, and the
23 joint committee on Transportation not later than July 1, 2016.