

HOUSE No. 3923

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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing the Alzheimer's State Plan Commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Barbara A. L'Italien	18th Essex
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Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex
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Timothy J. Toomey, Jr.	26th Middlesex
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Brian P. Wallace	4th Suffolk
John F. Quinn	9th Bristol

Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex
Robert F. Fennell	10th Essex
Thomas P. Kennedy	Second Plymouth and Bristol
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
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Robert P. Spellane	13th Worcester
Anthony D. Galluccio	Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex
Karen E. Spilka	Second Middlesex and Norfolk
William Lantigua	16th Essex
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
Richard J. Ross	9th Norfolk

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE 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. There is hereby established the Alzheimer's State Plan Commission which shall consist of
2 members, including but not limited to the chairs of the healthcare finance, elder affairs and children,
3 families and persons with disabilities committees (or their designees) in each chamber, at least one person
4 with Alzheimer's disease, one caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's disease, a representative of the
5 nursing facility industry, a representative of the assisted living industry, a representative of the adult day
6 services industry, a representative of the medical care provider community, a representative of the home
7 care/home health industry, a representative from hospice, an Alzheimer's disease researcher, a
8 representative of the Alzheimer's Association, Massachusetts/New Hampshire chapter, and each director
9 (or their designee) of the following state agencies: the department of public health, the executive office of
10 elder affairs, the executive office of health and human services, the departments of mental retardation,
11 Medicaid, law enforcement, and labor/workforce development.

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

14 SECTION 2. The executive office of health and human services shall convene the Commission.

15 SECTION 3. The Commission shall assess the current and future impact of Alzheimer's disease on
16 residents of the Commonwealth; to examine the existing industries, services and resources addressing the
17 needs of persons with Alzheimer's, their families, and caregivers; and to develop a strategy to mobilize a
18 state response to this public health crisis.

19 SECTION 4. The Commission shall include an examination of the following in its assessment and
20 recommendations:

- 21 (1) Trends in the Commonwealth's Alzheimer's population and needs, including the changing
22 population with dementia.
- 23 (2) Existing services, resources and capacity to serve persons with Alzheimer's and related dementia.

24 (3) Needed state policies or responses, including but not limited to directions for the provision of
25 clear and coordinated services and supports to persons and families living with Alzheimer's and
26 related disorders and strategies to address any identified gap in services.

27 SECTION 5. The Commission shall hold public meetings and utilize technological means, such as web
28 casts, to generate discussion and gather feedback on the recommendations from persons and families
29 affected by Alzheimer's disease and the general public across the commonwealth.

30 SECTION 6. The Commission shall submit a report of its findings and date specific recommendation to
31 the court and the governor in a form of a State Alzheimer's Plan no later than February 10, 2010. The
32 Commission shall expire upon such submission.