

HOUSE No. 00623

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 relative to the Massachusetts Alzheimer’s project..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Katherine M. Clark</i>	<i>Middlesex and Essex</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Frank I. Smizik</i>	<i>15th Norfolk</i>
<i>David B. Sullivan</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kevin G. Honan</i>	<i>17th Suffolk</i>
<i>Brian Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>

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By Mr. John W Scibak of South Hadley, petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 00623) of Brian Ashe and others for legislation to establish in the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services a Massachusetts Alzheimer’s project . Joint Committee on Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven
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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. Office of the Massachusetts Alzheimer’s Project.
- 2 (a) There is established in the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services the
- 3 Massachusetts Alzheimer’s Project (referred to in this Act as the “Project”).
- 4 (b) The purpose of the project shall:
 - 5 (1) accelerate the development of treatments that would prevent, halt, or reverse the course of
 - 6 Alzheimer’s;
 - 7 (2) be responsible for the creation and maintenance of an integrated state plan to overcome
 - 8 Alzheimer’s;
 - 9 (3) help to coordinate the health care and treatment of citizens with Alzheimer’s;

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

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

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

17 (c) Responsibilities of the Project. The Alzheimer’s Project shall—

18 (i) oversee the creation and updating of the State plan described in subparagraph (d);

19 (ii) use discretionary authority to evaluate all state programs around Alzheimer’s; and

20 (d) State Plan.—The Project shall carry out an annual assessment of the State’s progress in
21 preparing for the escalating burden of Alzheimer’s, including both implementation steps and
22 recommendations for priority actions based on the assessment.

23 SECTION 2. Advisory Council.

24 (1) There is established in the Project an Advisory Council on Alzheimer’s Research and
25 Treatment (referred to in this Act as the “Advisory Council”).

26 (2) Membership.

27 (A) The Advisory Council shall be comprised of the following experts:

28 (i) A designee of the secretary of health and human services

- 29 (ii) A designee of the secretary of elder affairs.
- 30 (iii) A designee of the commissioner of the department of public health.
- 31 (iv) A designee of the secretary of veterans affairs.
- 32 (v) A designee of MassHealth
- 33 (vi) 2 Alzheimer patient advocates;
- 34 (vii) 2 Alzheimer caregivers;
- 35 (viii) 2 health care providers;
- 36 (ixv) 2 researchers with Alzheimer-related expertise in basic, translational, clinical, or drug
37 development science; and
- 38 (x) 2 voluntary health association representatives, including a state Alzheimer's disease
39 organization that funds research and has demonstrated experience in care and patient services,
40 and a State based advocacy organization that provides services to families and professionals,
41 including information and referral, support groups, care consultation, education, and safety
42 services.
- 43 (3) The Advisory Council shall meet quarterly and such meetings shall be open to the public.
- 44 (4) The Advisory Council shall advise the Project on state Alzheimers policy.
- 45 (5) The Advisory Council shall provide to the Project an annual report for information and
46 recommendations on Alzheimers policy. The annual report shall include an evaluation of all

47 state funded efforts in Alzheimer's research, clinical care, institutional, and home- and
48 community-based programs and their outcomes; and an annually updated state plan.