

SENATE No. 360

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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 relative to training of elder services workers in dementia and Alzheimer’s.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo L. D’Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>James J. O’Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Barbara L’Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 360) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Michael O. Moore, Tricia Farley-Bouvier, Angelo M. Scaccia and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to training of elder services workers in dementia and Alzheimer’s. Elder Affairs.

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

An Act relative to training of elder services workers in dementia and Alzheimer’s.

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. Section 16 of Chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following:-
- 3 (f) The department shall require that all designated local agencies of the department
4 provide training to their protective services caseworkers specifically focused on recognizing the
5 signs and symptoms of cognitive impairments, including Alzheimer’s disease, and understanding
6 how cognitive impairment may affect screening, investigation, and service planning.