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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 passage of the accompanying:

An Act relative to the Massachusetts Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Acute Care Advisory Committee.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*
Colleen M. Garry	*36th Middlesex*
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	*10th Hampden*
Robert L. Hedlund	*Plymouth and Norfolk*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
James M. Murphy	*4th Norfolk*
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*
Carolyn C. Dykema	*8th Middlesex*
Tricia Farley-Bouvier	*3rd Berkshire*
Katherine M. Clark	*Fifth Middlesex*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 295) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Colleen M. Garry, Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera, Robert L. Hedlund and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the Massachusetts Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Acute Care Advisory Committee. Elder Affairs.

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An Act relative to the Massachusetts Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Acute Care Advisory Committee.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Acute Care and Dementia Act

(a) Whereas The deferred operation of this Act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is forthwith to provide strategy to ensure dementia-capable care in all acute care settings in the Commonwealth, therefore, given the increasing number of individuals with dementia, it is hereby declared to be necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health.

(b) The purpose of the Act is to create the Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Acute Care Advisory Committee, convened upon the order of the state legislature by the Department of Public Health. The Acute Care Advisory Committee shall:

(1) Craft a strategy to address dementia-capable care in all acute care settings in the Commonwealth;

(2) be responsible for presentation of strategy to the state legislature and all pertinent state agencies and departments and participation in implementing said strategy;

(3) help to ensure acute care settings are dementia-capable with Alzheimer's and related dementias;

(4) coordinate with federal government bodies to integrate and inform dementia-capable care in acute care settings, and

(5) provide information and coordination of Alzheimer's and related dementia care in acute care settings across all state agencies.

19 SECTION 2. Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Advisory Committee.

20 (1) There is established in the Acute Care and Dementia Act the Alzheimer's and Related
21 Dementias Acute Care Advisory Committee (referred to in this Act as the ''Advisory
22 Committee'')

23 (2) Membership.

24 (A) The Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Acute Care Advisory Committee
25 shall comprise the following:

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

27 (ii) A designee of the secretary of elder affairs;

28 (iii) A designee of the commissioner of the department of public health;

29 (iv) A designee of the secretary of veteran's affairs;

30 (v) A designee of MassHealth;

31 (vi) 2 Alzheimer patient advocates;

32 (vii) 2 Alzheimer caregivers;

33 (viii) 2 health care providers from acute care settings;

34 (ix) 2 researchers with Alzheimer-related expertise in basic, translational,
35 clinical, or drug development science;

36 (x) 2 designees of the Alzheimer's Association of Massachusetts and New
37 Hampshire Chapter; and

38 (xi) 2 designees of the Massachusetts Hospitals Association;

39 (3) The Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Acute Care Advisory Committee shall meet
40 within 90 days of this bill's passage and a minimum three times over the six month period said
41 Advisory Committee exists.

42 (4) The Advisory Committee shall advise the state legislature on Alzheimer's and related
43 dementia policy in acute care settings and provide a written report to both the state legislature
44 and Governor of the Commonwealth and all other pertinent state agencies within 9 months of the
45 Advisory Committee's first meeting.

46 (5) The Alzheimer's and Related Dementias Acute Care Advisory Committee shall
47 sunset upon completion of strategic plan and its delivery to the state legislature and office of the
48 Governor and all other pertinent state agencies.