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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 providing an alternative to institutional care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Patricia D. Jehlen	*Second Middlesex*
Denise Andrews	*2nd Franklin*
Jonathan Hecht	*29th Middlesex*
James M. Murphy	*4th Norfolk*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 521) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Denise Andrews, Jonathan Hecht, James M. Murphy and others for legislation to regard MassHealth applications. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE
SENATE
, NO. *510* OF 2011-2012.]

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An act providing an alternative to institutional care.

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. The division shall provide, within forty-eight hours of a request, up to sixty
2 (60) days of eligibility for MassHealth home and community based services, including personal
3 care services, for individuals who, upon discharge from an acute hospital, medical center,
4 nursing facility, or health care facility including rehabilitation facilities and state hospitals, are
5 eligible for the MassHealth program and permanently or temporarily clinically eligible for home
6 and community based services, as determined by an aging services access point, an independent
7 living center, senior care options provider, or program for all-inclusive services for the elderly;
8 provided further the division shall promulgate such standards and regulations as may be
9 necessary for the administration of said provision of services.