

HOUSE No. 533

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera

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 to establish an Alzheimer's state plan commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera	10th Hampden
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Brian P. Wallace	4th Suffolk
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James E. Timilty	Bristol and Norfolk
David L. Flynn	8th Plymouth
William G. Greene, Jr.	22nd Middlesex
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Cory Atkins	14th Middlesex

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In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH AN 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.** Pursuant to section 2 of chapter 111 of the General Laws, the Alzheimer's State Plan
2 Commission is established. The Alzheimer's State Plan Commission will consist of the following
3 members, including, but not limited to, the Chairpersons of the Joint Committee on Healthcare
4 Financing; Elder Affairs; and Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities or their designees, at least
5 1 person with Alzheimer's disease; 1 caregiver of a person with Alzheimer's disease; 1 representative of
6 the nursing facility industry; 1 representative of the assisted living industry; 1 representative of the adult
7 day services industry; 1 representative of the medical care provider community; 1 representative of the
8 home care/home health industry; 1 representative from hospice; 1 Alzheimer's disease researcher; and 1
9 representative from the Alzheimer's Association Massachusetts/New Hampshire Chapter to be appointed
10 by the Governor.

11 Additional members are to be the Commissioner of the Department of Public Health, the Secretary of the
12 Executive Office of Elder Affairs, the Secretary of the Executive Office of Health and Human Services,
13 the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Retardation, the Director of the Office of Medicaid, the
14 Secretary of the Executive Office of Public Safety and Security, and the Secretary of the Executive Office
15 of Labor and Workforce Development, or their designees.

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

18 **Section 2.** The Executive Office of Health and Human Services shall convene the Alzheimer's State Plan
19 Commission and the Secretary shall serve as the chair.

20 **Section 3.** The Alzheimer's State Plan Commission is directed to assess the current and future impact of
21 Alzheimer's disease on residents of the Commonwealth, to examine the existing industries, services and
22 resources addressing the needs of persons with Alzheimer's , their families and caregivers; and to develop
23 a strategy to mobilize a state response.

24 **Section 4.** This report is to include:

- 25 (1) trends in the Commonwealth's Alzheimer's population and needs, including the changing
26 population with dementia;
- 27 (2) existing services, resources, and the capacity to serve persons with Alzheimer's and related
28 dementia; and,
- 29 (3) needed state policies or responses, including but not limited to directions for the clear and
30 coordinated services and supports to persons and families living with Alzheimer's and related
31 disorders and strategies to address any identified gaps in services.

32 **Section 5.** The Alzheimer's State Plan Commission is directed to hold public meetings as needed and
33 utilize technological means, such as webcasts, to generate discussion and gather feedback on the
34 recommendations from persons and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and the general public
35 across the Commonwealth.

36 **Section 6.** The Alzheimer's State Plan Commission is directed to submit a report of its findings and data-
37 specific recommendations to the Governor, the General Court, the Department of Elder Affairs, the Joint
38 Committee on Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities, and the Joint Committee on Healthcare
39 Financing on the form of a State Alzheimer's Plan no later than February 1, 2010.

40 **Section 7.** The Alzheimer's State Plan Commission shall sunset upon delivery of the State Alzheimer's
41 Plan.