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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Mark C. Montigny

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 codifying the Hepatitis C program..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Mark C. Montigny	*Second Bristol and Plymouth*

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By Mr. Montigny, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1045) of Mark C. Montigny for legislation to codify the Hepatitis C program. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. *1119* OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act codifying the Hepatitis C program..

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. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 4O the following new section:-

relative to the contribution for insurance premiums of certain retired employees

Section 4P. Program to Combat Hepatitis C

(a) The department shall, subject to appropriation, establish and maintain a program to mitigate the impacts of hepatitis C. The program shall provide screening, information, education and treatment components, and may include research grants. The program shall increase public awareness of hepatitis C and such efforts shall be undertaken in multiple languages and in a culturally appropriate manner. The program shall provide information to health care providers about risks, available prevention methods, and treatment options for hepatitis C.

(b) The program, to the extent the department determines feasible and appropriate, shall be integrated with substance abuse, HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted disease service programs.

(c) The department may accept for the purposes of the program any special grant of money, services or property from the federal government or any of its agencies or from any foundation, medical school or other organization.