

SENATE No. 1126

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael O. Moore

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 the Massachusetts Alzheimers Project.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	
<i>John W. Scibak</i>	<i>2nd Hampshire</i>
<i>David B. Sullivan</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Karen E. Spilka</i>	

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By Mr. Moore, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1126) of Michael O. Moore, Patricia D. Jehlen, John W. Scibak, David B. Sullivan and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to the Massachusetts Alzheimers Project. Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act relative to the Massachusetts Alzheimers Project.

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. Office of the Massachusetts Alzheimer's Project.

2 (a) There is established in the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human
3 Services the Massachusetts Alzheimer's Project (referred to in this Act as the "Project").

4 (b) The purpose of the project shall:

5 (1) accelerate the development of treatments that would prevent, halt,
6 or reverse the course of Alzheimer's;

7 (2) be responsible for the creation and maintenance of an integrated
8 state plan to overcome Alzheimer's;

9 (3) help to coordinate the health care and treatment of citizens with
10 Alzheimer's;

11 (4) ensure the inclusion of ethnic and racial populations at higher risk
12 for Alzheimer's or least likely to receive care, in clinical, research, and service efforts with the
13 purpose of decreasing health disparities in Alzheimer's;

14 (5) coordinate with federal government bodies to integrate and
15 inform the fight against Alzheimer's; and

16 (6) provide information and coordination of Alzheimer's research and
17 services across all state agencies.

18 (c) Responsibilities of the Project. The Alzheimer's Project shall:

19 (i) oversee the creation and updating of the State plan
20 described in subparagraph (d);

21 (ii) use discretionary authority to evaluate all state
22 programs around Alzheimer's; and

23 (d) State Plan. The Project shall carry out an annual assessment of the State's
24 progress in preparing for the escalating burden of Alzheimer's, including both implementation
25 steps and recommendations for priority actions based on the assessment.

26 SECTION 2. Advisory Council.

27 (1) There is established in the Project an Advisory Council on Alzheimer's
28 Research and Treatment (referred to in this Act as the "Advisory Council").

29 (2) Membership.

30 (A) The Advisory Council shall be comprised of the following
31 experts:

32 (i) A designee of the secretary of health and human services
33 (iii) A designee of the commissioner of the department of
34 public health.

35 (iv) A designee of the secretary of veterans affairs.
36 (v) A designee of MassHealth
37 (vi) 2 Alzheimer patient advocates;
38 (vii) 2 Alzheimer caregivers;
39 (viii) 2 health care providers;
40 (ixv) 2 researchers with Alzheimer-related expertise in
41 basic, translational, clinical, or drug development science; and
42 (x) 2 voluntary health association representatives, including
43 a state Alzheimer's disease organization that funds research and has demonstrated experience in
44 care and patient services, and a State based advocacy organization that provides services to
45 families and professionals, including information and referral, support groups, care consultation,
46 education, and safety services.

47 (3) The Advisory Council shall meet quarterly and such meetings shall be open
48 to the public.

49 (4) The Advisory Council shall advise the Project on state Alzheimers policy.

50 (5) The Advisory Council shall provide to the Project an annual report for
51 information and recommendations on Alzheimers policy. The annual report shall include an
52 evaluation of all state funded efforts in Alzheimer's research, clinical care, institutional, and
53 home- and community-based programs and their outcomes; and an annually updated state plan.