

SENATE No. 2430

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Stanley C. Rosenberg

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 creating a domestic violence task force in the town of Greenfield.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Stanley C. Rosenberg

Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester

Denise Andrews

2nd Franklin

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By Mr. Rosenberg, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2430) of Stanley C. Rosenberg and Denise Andrews for legislation to create a domestic violence task force in the town of Greenfield. Municipalities and Regional Government. [Local Approval Received.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Twelve

An Act creating a domestic violence task force in the town of Greenfield.

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. Article 6 of the charter of the town of Greenfield, which is on file in the
2 office of the archivist of the commonwealth, as provided in section 12 of chapter 43B of the
3 General Laws, is hereby amended by inserting at the end thereof the following new section:-

4 SECTION 6-24: MAYOR’S TASK FORCE AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

5 (a) There shall be a Mayor’s Task Force Against Domestic Violence consisting of (7)
6 members; three members to be appointed by the Mayor, with review by Town Council as
7 provided in section 2-10 of the Charter, and four to be appointed as provided in Sub-Section B
8 below.

9 (b) The three committee members appointed by the Mayor shall serve for terms of
10 three (3) years each so arranged that the term of at least 2 members shall expire each year. In
11 making appointments to the committee, the Mayor shall seek persons having experience in the
12 fields of youth services, woman’s and men’s advocacy groups, mental health providers,

13 probation officers in the District or Superior Court system, and medical persons on the staff at
14 the Franklin Medical Center. The other four members of the committee shall be (i) a police
15 officer designated annually by the Chief of Police of Greenfield, (ii) a representative of the
16 Franklin County District Attorneys Office designated annually by the District Attorney, (iii) the
17 Mayor, or the Mayor's designee appointed annually, and (iv) a Town Councilor designated
18 annually by the President of the Town Council. The committee shall appoint its own chair by
19 majority vote of the members at a meeting duly called for such purpose.

20 (c) Four (4) or more members must reside in Greenfield. The committee shall meet at
21 least twice annually, and provide its members with notice of meetings at least 15 days in
22 advance.

23 The Mayor's Task Force on Domestic Violence shall act in an advisory capacity to the
24 Mayor with regard to forming public policy on Domestic Violence.