

SENATE No. 1045

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:

Mark C. Montigny

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

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:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010 Official Edition,
2 is hereby amended by inserting after section 4O the following new section:-

3 relative to the contribution for insurance premiums of certain retired employees

4 Section 4P. Program to Combat Hepatitis C

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

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

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