

SENATE No. 306

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael F. Rush

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 establishing the adopt-a-senior program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Michael F. Rush

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk and Suffolk

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 306) of Michael F. Rush for legislation to establish the adopt a senior program. Elder Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act establishing the adopt-a-senior 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. Section 40 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2010
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following section:

3 Section 41. The secretary shall, subject to appropriation or the receipt of gifts,
4 grants, and awards from any public or private entity pursuant to section 7 of chapter 19A,
5 establish a statewide “Adopt-A-Senior” volunteer program for the purpose of assisting seniors
6 with snow removal, property or home maintenance services. The department shall have the
7 power to adopt rules and regulations to administer this program which shall include, but not be
8 limited to: (1) coordinating among agencies of the commonwealth and other organizations using
9 community service and volunteerism as a strategy to assist with this program; (2) establishing a
10 registry and registration of volunteer personnel who are available to provide services; (3)
11 establishing procedures for matching and placing individuals with seniors; (4) encouraging the
12 corporate community of the commonwealth to become an active partner in the support, advocacy
13 and promotion of community service and volunteerism relative to this program; and (5)
14 establishing a system of volunteer incentives to assist with recruiting and registration of
15 volunteers.