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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul McMurtry

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 improving mental health care through innovation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*	*1/16/2015*
Brian M. Ashe	*2nd Hampden*	*2/4/2015*
Claire D. Cronin	*11th Plymouth*	*2/4/2015*
Marjorie C. Decker	*25th Middlesex*	*2/3/2015*
Denise C. Garlick	*13th Norfolk*	*1/20/2015*
Carlos Gonzalez	*10th Hampden*	*2/2/2015*
Louis L. Kafka	*8th Norfolk*	*4/9/2015*
Kay Khan	*11th Middlesex*	*4/13/2015*
Jeffrey N. Roy	*10th Norfolk*	*1/25/2015*
John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*	*4/10/2015*
Frank I. Smizik	*15th Norfolk*	*2/3/2015*
Benjamin Swan	*11th Hampden*	*1/29/2015*
Ellen Story	*3rd Hampshire*	*1/28/2015*

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By Mr. McMurtry of Dedham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3461) of Paul McMurtry and others for legislation to authorize the Department of Mental Health to establish a program for research, technology transfer, design, development and commercialization of technologies for the treatment and support of people with mental illness and brain-based disorders. Mental Health and Substance Abuse.

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)

An Act relative to improving mental health care through innovation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Chapter 19 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following section:-

Section 24. The department shall establish a comprehensive program for the research, technology transfer, design, development and commercialization of technologies for the treatment and support of people with mental illness and brain-based disorders and to promote such programs the department shall provide grants to state agencies, programs, and institutions that provide mental healthcare services to pilot cutting edge technology; including but not limited to:

(a) supporting research and innovation in mental healthcare to reduce costs to the state and draw companies and research dollars to the commonwealth, while improving the quality of life for people with mental illness;

(b) creating programs to grow and foster a research and innovation eco-system for brain health technologies in Massachusetts;

(c) innovation support for companies and researchers focused on mental healthcare;

(d) model the successful activities the state has taken to grow and develop bio-technology, medical technology, green technology, and computer technology industries and leverage the current innovation economy and eco-system; and

(e) close the innovation gap between the lack of innovation in mental healthcare and in bio-technology, medical technology, green technology, and computer technology.

The department shall establish standards for the development of said programs.