

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3746**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Elizabeth A. Poirier***

*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 a commission to study pancreatic cancer.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Mark J. Cusack</i>	<i>5th Norfolk</i>
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>
<i>Viriato M. deMacedo</i>	<i>Plymouth and Barnstable</i>
<i>Shawn Dooley</i>	<i>9th Norfolk</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>Ryan C. Fattman</i>	<i>Worcester and Norfolk</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>John V. Fernandes</i>	<i>10th Worcester</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Bradford R. Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>

<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Randy Hunt</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>Christopher M. Markey</i>	<i>9th Bristol</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Mark C. Montigny</i>	<i>Second Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>David K. Muradian, Jr.</i>	<i>9th Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Keiko M. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Michael J. Rodrigues</i>	<i>First Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>Richard J. Ross</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>
<i>William M. Straus</i>	<i>10th Bristol</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>David T. Vieira</i>	<i>3rd Barnstable</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Donald H. Wong</i>	<i>9th Essex</i>
<i>Brock N. Cordeiro</i>	<i>15 Sagamore Drive Dartmouth, MA 02748</i>

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By Mrs. Poirier of North Attleborough, a petition (subject to Joint Rule 12) of Elizabeth A. Poirier and others relative to establishing a special commission (including members of the General Court) to make an investigation and study concerning pancreatic cancer. Public Health.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act establishing a commission to study pancreatic cancer.

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

1 Resolved, that a special commission, to consist of 13 members as follows: the secretary  
2 of the executive office of health and human services, or a designee; the commissioner of public  
3 health, or a designee; the commissioner of insurance, or a designee; and 10 members who shall  
4 be appointed as follows: 3 members appointed by the senate president, 1 of whom shall be the  
5 senate chairman of the joint committee on public health, or a designee, 1 of whom shall be a  
6 person with Pancreatic Cancer, or a survivor, and 1 of whom is a medical specialist in Pancreatic  
7 Cancer; 3 members appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be  
8 the house chairman of the joint committee on public health, or a designee, 1 of whom shall be a  
9 person with Pancreatic Cancer, or a survivor, and 1 of whom is a medical specialist in Pancreatic  
10 Cancer; and 4 members appointed by the governor, 1 of whom shall be a person with Pancreatic  
11 Cancer, or a survivor, 1 of whom is a medical specialist in Pancreatic Cancer, and 2 members of  
12 the public with demonstrated expertise in issues relating to the work of the commission, is  
13 hereby established for the purpose of making an investigation and study to:

14 (1) establish a mechanism in order to ascertain the prevalence of Pancreatic Cancer in  
15 Massachusetts, and the unmet needs of persons with Pancreatic Cancer and those of their  
16 families; collect time of diagnosis statistics and likely risks for Pancreatic Cancer;

17 (2) study Pancreatic Cancer prevention, screening, education and support programs for  
18 Pancreatic Cancer in the Commonwealth;

19 (3) provide recommendations for additional legislation, support programs and resources  
20 necessary to meet the unmet needs of persons with Pancreatic Cancer and their families and how  
21 to effectuate an early diagnosis and treatment for Pancreatic Cancer patients.

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23 Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be filled in the same manner  
24 provided for the original appointments.

25 The commission shall organize within 120 days following the appointment of a majority  
26 of its members and shall select a chairperson and vice-chairperson from among the members.

27 The chairperson shall appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the commission.

28 The public members shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for  
29 necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided by section 2A of  
30 chapter 4 of the General Laws.

31 The commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself of the services of  
32 the employees of any state, county or municipal department, board, bureau, commission or  
33 agency as it may require and as may be available to it for its purposes.

34           The executive office of health and human services shall provide staff support to the  
35 commission.

36           The commission shall report to the general court the results of its investigation and study  
37 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its  
38 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the senate and the clerk of the  
39 House of Representatives on or before December 31, 2016.