

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 516****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul Brodeur***

*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 training of elder services workers in dementia and Alzheimer's.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                       | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:       | DATE ADDED:      |
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| <i>Paul Brodeur</i>         | <i>32nd Middlesex</i>   | <i>1/16/2015</i> |
| <i>Louis L. Kafka</i>       | <i>8th Norfolk</i>      | <i>8/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>   | <i>10th Plymouth</i>    | <i>8/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Aaron Vega</i>           | <i>5th Hampden</i>      | <i>8/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Thomas J. Calter</i>     | <i>12th Plymouth</i>    | <i>8/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>    | <i>8th Middlesex</i>    | <i>8/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Kay Khan</i>             | <i>11th Middlesex</i>   | <i>8/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i> | <i>4th Middlesex</i>    | <i>8/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i>       | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i>  | <i>8/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>   | <i>8th Plymouth</i>     | <i>8/27/2019</i> |
| <i>James M. Cantwell</i>    | <i>4th Plymouth</i>     | <i>8/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>   | <i>Second Middlesex</i> | <i>8/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Steven Ultrino</i>       | <i>33rd Middlesex</i>   | <i>8/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i>     | <i>36th Middlesex</i>   | <i>8/27/2019</i> |
| <i>James J. O'Day</i>       | <i>14th Worcester</i>   | <i>8/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>  | <i>First Suffolk</i>    | <i>8/27/2019</i> |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i>        | <i>2nd Hampden</i>      | <i>2/2/2015</i>  |
| <i>Michael S. Day</i>       | <i>31st Middlesex</i>   | <i>2/3/2015</i>  |

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| <i>Marcos A. Devers</i>  | <i>16th Essex</i>                 | <i>2/3/2015</i> |
| <i>Daniel M. Donahue</i> | <i>16th Worcester</i>             | <i>2/2/2015</i> |
| <i>Gloria L. Fox</i>     | <i>7th Suffolk</i>                | <i>2/2/2015</i> |
| <i>Denise C. Garlick</i> | <i>13th Norfolk</i>               | <i>2/1/2015</i> |
| <i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i> | <i>21st Middlesex</i>             | <i>2/1/2015</i> |
| <i>Robert L. Hedlund</i> | <i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>       | <i>2/4/2015</i> |
| <i>Paul McMurtry</i>     | <i>11th Norfolk</i>               | <i>2/4/2015</i> |
| <i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>   | <i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i> | <i>2/4/2015</i> |
| <i>Benjamin Swan</i>     | <i>11th Hampden</i>               | <i>2/3/2015</i> |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i>       | <i>6th Middlesex</i>              | <i>2/3/2015</i> |
| <i>Timothy R. Whelan</i> | <i>1st Barnstable</i>             | <i>2/2/2015</i> |

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By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 516) of Paul Brodeur and others relative to training of elder services workers in dementia and Alzheimer's disease. Elder Affairs.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)  
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An Act relative to training of elder services workers in dementia and Alzheimer's.

*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 16 of Chapter 19A of the general laws is hereby amended by  
2   adding the following section:
- 3           (f) The department shall require that all designated local agencies of the department  
4   provide training to their protective services caseworkers specifically focused on recognizing the  
5   signs and symptoms of cognitive impairments, including Alzheimer's disease, and understanding  
6   how cognitive impairment may affect screening, investigation, and service planning.