

HOUSE No. 2346

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Angelo M. Scaccia

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 the right to counsel in guardianship proceedings.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>

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By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2346) of Angelo M. Scaccia relative to the right to counsel in guardianship proceedings. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**

An Act relative to the right to counsel in guardianship proceedings.

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 123 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof the following new section: -

3 Section 37. Any person shall have a right to counsel and the court shall appoint an
4 attorney to represent such person when a petition for appointment of a guardian, conservator or
5 other protective order is filed.