

HOUSE No. 2888

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Denise C. Garlick

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 creating a task force on Massachusetts older adults of all incomes.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>	
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Robert M. Koczera</i>	<i>11th Bristol</i>	
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>	
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Daniel Cullinane</i>	<i>12th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>	
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>	
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	

<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>	
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	

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By Ms. Garlick of Needham, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2888) of Denise C. Garlick and others for legislation to establish a task force (including members of the General Court) on older adults of all incomes. Elder Affairs.

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

An Act creating a task force on Massachusetts older adults of all incomes.

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. (a) There shall be established a task force on older adults of all incomes,
2 which shall study older adults, aged 60 years or older, and subpopulations of such older adults in
3 the Commonwealth. Said study shall include, but not be limited to: a demographic and
4 geographic profile of the aging population; program and support needs related to aging; the
5 retirement and paid and unpaid work status of older adults; and, the ways in which older adults
6 engage meaningfully with their communities and environments. The task force shall: (i) identify
7 the current and future needs of the older adult population and; (ii) make recommendations for
8 strategies to achieve a balanced array of culturally and linguistically competent services and
9 opportunities for older adults across all income levels to ensure such individuals are able to meet
10 needs consistent with their choices, finances and functional abilities.

11 (b) The task force shall consist of 15 members as follows: the house and senate chairs of
12 the joint committee on elder affairs or their designees, who shall serve as co-chairs; the secretary

13 of elder affairs or a designee; the assistant secretary for MassHealth or a designee; the secretary
14 of veterans' services or a designee; the house minority leader or designee; the senate minority
15 leader or designee; the director of the Gerontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts
16 Boston or a designee; the president of the Tufts Health Plan Foundation or a designee; the
17 president of the Blue Cross Blue Shield Foundation of Massachusetts or a designee; 1 older adult
18 board member of a local council on aging, who shall be appointed by the Massachusetts
19 Association of Councils on Aging and who shall not be an employee or paid consultant of the
20 Association or of a local council on aging or of a senior center; 1 older adult member of the
21 Massachusetts Senior Action Council, who shall not be an employee or paid consultant of the
22 Senior Action Council; 1 member of AARP Massachusetts, who shall not be an employee or
23 paid consultant of AARP; 1 older adult member of the Multicultural Coalition on Aging, who
24 shall be an individual member of the Coalition and who shall not be an employee or paid
25 consultant of the Coalition or of any of its member organizations; and 1 member who shall be an
26 unpaid family or friend caregiver of an older adult.

27 (c) The task force may establish advisory committees, hold regular public meetings and
28 conduct fact-finding hearings or other public forums as it considers necessary. The task force
29 shall file a report with the governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate
30 president and the clerks of the house of representatives and senate not later than eighteen months
31 after the date on which the task force is first convened. The final report shall include, but shall
32 not be limited to, the task force's activities, findings and recommendations for legislation, if any.
33 The task force shall expire two years after the task force is first convened.