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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sheila C. Harrington

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 amending spousal support payments.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*	*1/20/2017*
Steven S. Howitt	*4th Bristol*	
Jennifer L. Flanagan	*Worcester and Middlesex*	

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By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3063) of Sheila C. Harrington, Steven S. Howitt and Jennifer L. Flanagan relative to spousal support payments. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act amending spousal support payments.

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

SECTION 35A. Chapter 208 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after section 35, the following new section:—

After a hearing had upon its own motion, or at the time a support order is issued or modified or as a result of a complaint for contempt due to failure of spousal support payments, and upon a particular finding of reasonable necessity to assure timely and consistent payments, the court may make a finding that future spousal support payments may be made through wage assignment, account garnishment or other means available to the department of revenue.