

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3063**

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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:
<i>Sheila C. Harrington</i>	<i>1st Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>1/20/2017</i>

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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.

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

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

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