

SENATE No. 362

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael F. Rush

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 establishing a statewide adopt-a-senior program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/7/2017</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 362) of Michael F. Rush, James M. Murphy and Paul McMurtry for legislation to establish the adopt a senior program. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 367 OF 2015-2016.]

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

An Act establishing a statewide adopt-a-senior program.

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 40 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following section:-

3 Section 41. The secretary shall, subject to appropriation or the receipt of gifts, grants,
4 and awards from any public or private entity pursuant to section 7 of chapter 19A, establish a
5 statewide “Adopt-A-Senior” volunteer program for the purpose of assisting seniors with snow
6 removal, property or home maintenance services. The department shall have the power to adopt
7 rules and regulations to administer this program which shall include, but not be limited to: (1)
8 coordinating among agencies of the commonwealth and other organizations using community
9 service and volunteerism as a strategy to assist with this program; (2) establishing a registry and
10 registration of volunteer personnel who are available to provide services; (3) establishing

11 procedures for matching and placing individuals with seniors; (4) encouraging the corporate
12 community of the commonwealth to become an active partner in the support, advocacy and
13 promotion of community service and volunteerism relative to this program; and (5) establishing
14 a system of volunteer incentives to assist with recruiting and registration of volunteers.