

HOUSE No. 3321

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>1/16/2019</i>

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By Mrs. Harrington of Groton, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3321) of Sheila C. Harrington relative to spousal support payments. The Judiciary.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 3063 OF 2017-2018.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

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.