

HOUSE No. 1224

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jonathan Hecht

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 special commission on institutional long term care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	
<i>Carlos Henriquez</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex, Suffolk, and Essex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kathi-Anne Reinstein</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Katherine M. Clark</i>	<i>Middlesex and Essex</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>Stanley C. Rosenberg</i>	<i>Hampshire and Franklin</i>

Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera
William N. Brownsberger

10th Hampden

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By Mr. Hecht of Watertown, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1224) of Jonathan Hecht and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to institutional long term care facilities. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act creating a special commission on institutional long term care.

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. Notwithstanding any general or special laws to the contrary, there shall be
2 a special commission established to examine the Commonwealth’s institutional long term care
3 system, which shall evaluate options and prepare policy recommendations regarding potential
4 savings to the commonwealth achieved by reducing the number of MassHealth licensed nursing
5 home beds; develop recommendations as to the criteria to be used to determine which beds are
6 de-licensed; and consider incentives to reduce the number of nursing home beds, convert said
7 beds to other uses, or otherwise more efficiently utilize institutional long term care facilities in
8 the Commonwealth.

9 The commission shall consist of 15 members, 1 of whom shall be the secretary of health
10 and human services or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the secretary of elder affairs or a designee,
11 1 of whom shall be the director of the office of Medicaid or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the
12 Attorney General or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the State Auditor or a designee, 1 of whom
13 shall be the house chair of the joint committee on elder affairs or a designee, 1 of whom shall be

14 the senate chair of the joint committee on elder affairs or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the
15 senate chair of the joint committee on health care financing or a designee, 1 of whom shall be the
16 house chair of the joint committee on health care financing or a designee, 1 of whom shall be a
17 member of the PCA quality home care workforce council, and 5 persons to be appointed by the
18 governor, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Department of Public Health, 1 of whom
19 shall be a representative of 1199SEIU, 1 of whom shall be a representative of the Massachusetts
20 Senior Care Association, 1 of whom shall be a representative of AARP, and 1 of whom shall be a
21 representative of the Massachusetts Alzheimer's Association.

22 The commission shall meet within 30 days of passage of this Act, and not less than
23 quarterly thereafter, and shall release final recommendations no later than one year from passage
24 of this Act.