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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John W. Scibak

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 relative to the Massachusetts Alzheimer's project..

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
John W. Scibak	*2nd Hampshire*
Cory Atkins	*14th Middlesex*
Katherine M. Clark	*Fifth Middlesex*
Tom Sannicandro	*7th Middlesex*
Kimberly N. Ferguson	*1st Worcester*
Bruce J. Ayers	*1st Norfolk*
Michael R. Knapik	*Second Hampden and Hampshire*
Thomas M. Stanley	*9th Middlesex*
Martin J. Walsh	*13th Suffolk*
Sheila C. Harrington	*1st Middlesex*
Sean Garballey	*23rd Middlesex*
Paul McMurtry	*11th Norfolk*

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By Mr. Scibak of South Hadley, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2078) of John W. Scibak and others for legislation to establish in the Office of the Secretary of Health and Human Services a Massachusetts Alzheimer's project. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. *623* OF 2011-2012.]

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In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act relative to the Massachusetts Alzheimer's project..

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

SECTION 1. Chapter 6A of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 16S the following section:-

Section 16T. (a) There is hereby established, within the executive office of health and human services, the Massachusetts Alzheimer's Project, hereinafter called the project.

(b) The purpose of the project shall be to:

(1) accelerate the development of treatments that would prevent, halt or reverse the course of Alzheimer's disease;

(2) create and maintain an integrated state plan to overcome Alzheimer's disease;

(3) help coordinate the health care and treatment of individuals with Alzheimer's disease;

(4) ensure the inclusion of ethnic and racial populations, who have a higher risk for Alzheimer's disease or are least likely to receive care in clinical, research and service efforts, with the purpose of decreasing health disparities in Alzheimer's disease;

14 (5) coordinate with federal government bodies to integrate and inform the fight
15 against Alzheimer's disease; and

16 (6) provide information and coordination of Alzheimer's disease research and
17 services across all state agencies.

18 (c) The project shall be responsible for creating the state plan, described in
19 subsection (d), updating the state plan and evaluating all state programs that address Alzheimer's
20 disease.

21 (d) The project shall carry out an annual assessment of the state's progress in
22 preparing for the escalating burden of Alzheimer's disease. The assessment shall set forth a state
23 plan which includes both implementation steps and recommendations for priority actions based
24 on the assessment.

25 (e) There is hereby established an advisory council on Alzheimer's disease research and
26 treatment.

27 (1) The advisory council shall be comprised of the following experts: (i) a
28 designee of the secretary of health and human services; (ii) a designee of the commissioner of
29 public health; (iii) a designee of the secretary of veterans' services; (iv) a designee of the director
30 of the office of Medicaid; (v) 2 Alzheimer's disease patient advocates; (vi) 2 Alzheimer's disease
31 caregivers; (vii) 2 health care providers; (viii) 2 researchers with Alzheimer-related expertise in
32 basic, translational, clinical or drug development science; and (ix) 2 voluntary health association
33 representatives, including a state Alzheimer's disease organization that funds research and has
34 demonstrated experience in care and patient services and a state based advocacy organization
35 that provides services to families and professionals, including information and referral, support
36 groups, care consultation, education and safety services.

37 (2) The advisory council shall meet quarterly and such meetings shall be open to
38 the public.

39 (3) The advisory council shall advise the project on the state's Alzheimer's
40 disease policy.

41 (4) The advisory council shall provide to the project an annual report which
42 includes: information and recommendations on Alzheimer's disease policy; an evaluation of all
43 state-funded efforts in Alzheimer's disease research, clinical care, institutional, home-based and
44 community-based programs; the outcomes of such efforts; and an annually updated state plan.