

HOUSE No. 2263

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jeffrey N. Roy

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 an obesity task force.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | DATE ADDED: |
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| <i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i> | <i>10th Norfolk</i> | <i>1/4/2023</i> |

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By Representative Roy of Franklin, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2263) of Jeffrey N. Roy for legislation to establish a task force (including members of the General Court) to examine the impact of obesity in the Commonwealth. Public Health.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court
(2023-2024)

An Act creating an obesity task force.

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. There is hereby established a Task Force on the Impacts on Obesity. The
2 task force shall be chaired by the president of the senate or their designee and the speaker of the
3 house of representatives or their designee, and shall consist of the following members: the senate
4 chair of the joint committee on health care finance, the house chair of the joint committee on
5 health care finance, the senate chair of the joint committee on public health, the house chair of
6 the joint committee on public health committee, the Secretary of health and human services or
7 their designee, the commissioner of public health or their designee, the executive director of the
8 group insurance commission or their designee, the executive director of the health policy
9 commission or their designee, a representative of the Massachusetts health and hospitals
10 association, a representative of the American cancer society cancer action network, a
11 representative of the American heart and stroke association, a representative of the
12 Massachusetts health council, a representative of the alliance of YMCA's, a representative of the
13 Massachusetts medical society, a representative of the Massachusetts nurses association, a

14 representative of the Massachusetts health council, a representative of the Massachusetts public
15 health association, a representative of associated industries of Massachusetts and a representative
16 of the Massachusetts business roundtable.

17 The commission shall:

18 1. Examine the impact of obesity in the commonwealth including but not limited to the
19 cost implications for employer and employee premiums and out of pocket expenses, lost
20 productivity, impacts on wellness and health, co-morbidities and on the overall costs to the
21 health care system.

22 2. Make recommendations for guidelines and protocols relative to:

23 a) The proper screening and assessment of obesity

24 b) Education, prevention and wellness programs

25 c) Proper approved FDA treatment, medications and therapies

26 d) Eliminating barriers to prevention and wellness programs, education and treatment
27 programs and FDA approved medications

28 e) Understanding the society and behavioral impacts of addressing obesity in the
29 workplace and other settings

30 f) Understanding the social, economic, racial and ethnic impacts on diabetes

31 3. Examine the impacts on the prevalence of co-morbidities such as cancer,
32 cardiovascular and other diseases.