

HOUSE No. 2884

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul Brodeur

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 training of elder services workers in dementia and Alzheimer's Disease.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>

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By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2884) of Paul Brodeur and others that the Department of Elder Affairs be authorized to provide training to protective services caseworkers in recognizing signs and symptoms of cognitive impairments, including Alzheimer’s disease. Elder Affairs.

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

An Act relative to training of elder services workers in dementia and Alzheimer's Disease.

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 16 of Chapter 19A of the general laws is hereby amended by adding the
2 following section:

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4 (f) The department shall require that all designated local agencies of the department
5 provide training to their protective services caseworkers specifically focused on recognizing the
6 signs and symptoms of cognitive impairments, including Alzheimer’s disease, and understanding
7 how cognitive impairment may affect screening, investigation, and service planning.