

SENATE No. 1168

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Harriette L. Chandler

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 resolve:

Resolve to re-establish the Brain Injury Commission.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Harriette L. Chandler</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	
<i>Thomas M. McGee</i>	<i>Third Essex</i>	<i>1/25/2017</i>
<i>Hannah Kane</i>	<i>11th Worcester</i>	<i>1/30/2017</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>2/1/2017</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Jack Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Daniel J. Ryan</i>	<i>2nd Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>Second Suffolk and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Ms. Chandler, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 1168) of Harriette L. Chandler, Thomas M. McGee, Hannah Kane, James M. Cantwell and other members of the General Court for legislation to re-establish the Brain Injury Commission. Public Health.

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

Resolve to re-establish the Brain Injury Commission.

1 **Resolved**, SECTION 1. There is hereby established a special commission known as the
2 Brain Injury Commission to review data concerning the epidemiology of brain injury and the
3 needs of individuals with brain injury and their families in the commonwealth and to make
4 findings regarding the current status of rehabilitative residential and integrated community-based
5 support services for persons with acquired brain injury and persons with traumatic brain injury
6 and recommendations regarding the improvement of such services. The commission shall consist
7 of 2 members of the house of representatives, 1 of whom shall be appointed by the minority
8 leader and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the speaker of the house, 2 members of the senate, 1
9 of whom shall be appointed by the minority leader and 1 of whom shall be appointed by the
10 president of the senate, the secretary of health and human services or a designee; the assistant
11 secretary of the office of disabilities and community services or a designee; the commissioner of
12 public health or a designee from the office on health and disability, the commissioner of the
13 Massachusetts rehabilitation commission or a designee, the secretary of elder affairs, the
14 secretary of veterans services, the Executive Director of the Brain Injury Association of

15 Massachusetts, and 8 persons appointed by the governor. The co-chairs of the commission shall
16 be designated by the president of the senate and the speaker of the house.

17 The review and study shall include, but not be limited to the availability, nature and
18 adequacy of the following services for the target population: acute and long-term medical and
19 cognitive rehabilitation and outpatient services; therapy services; residential nursing care;
20 structured day treatment and day activity programs; club programs; respite care services;
21 community-based housing; home-based services; family support programs; case management;
22 companion services; personal care attendant services; specialized medical equipment and
23 supplies; environmental modifications; counseling and training; and prevocational services.

24 The commission shall file a report of its findings and recommendations with the clerks of
25 the house of representatives and the senate and the house and senate committees on ways and
26 means not later than June 30, 2018. The report shall include findings regarding the cost of
27 maintaining or establishing recommended services and any legislation necessary to implement or
28 allow for the development or expansion of services for the target population.