

SENATE No. 341

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Patricia D. Jehlen

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>2/2/2017</i>
<i>Angelo L. D’Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>
<i>James J. O’Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>2/3/2017</i>

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By Ms. Jehlen, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 341) of Patricia D. Jehlen, Jason M. Lewis, Marjorie C. Decker, James B. Eldridge and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to training of elder services workers in dementia and Alzheimer’s. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 360 OF 2015-2016.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)**
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An Act relative to training of elder services workers in dementia and Alzheimer’s.

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 inserting the
2 following new subsection:-

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