

HOUSE No. 516

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.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo L. D'Emilia</i>	<i>8th Plymouth</i>
<i>James M. Cantwell</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Michael S. Day</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>

<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Gloria L. Fox</i>	<i>7th Suffolk</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Robert L. Hedlund</i>	<i>Plymouth and Norfolk</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Marc R. Pacheco</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Bristol</i>
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>

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By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 516) of Paul Brodeur and others relative to training of elder services workers in dementia and Alzheimer’s disease. Elder Affairs.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

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

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.