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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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PRESENTED BY:

**James R. Miceli**

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*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 passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to certain missing persons.

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PETITION OF:

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| Name: | District/Address: |
| James R. Miceli | 19th Middlesex |

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 4978 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the Year Two Thousand and Nine**

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An Act relative to certain missing persons.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

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SECTION 1. Section 1 of chapter 22A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the definition of “Missing child or children’ the following definition:-

“Missing person” any adult suffering from dementia missing from his normal and ordinary place of residence and whose whereabouts cannot be determined by the person responsible for such person’s care.

Section 2. Section 2 of said chapter 22A, as so appearing is hereby amended by inserting after the word “child” in line 4 the following:- or missing person

Section 3. Section 4 of said chapter 22A, as so appearing by inserting after the word “child” in lines 3, 5 and 10, in each instance, the fellow or adult suffering from dementia

Section 4. Section 6 of said chapter 22A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “person” in line 1 and 11 the following:- or child

Section 5. Said section 6 of said chapter 22A, as so appearing, is hereby further amended by inserting after the word “persons” in line 7 the following:- or children

Section 6. Section 7 of said chapter 22A, as so appearing is hereby amended by inserting after the word “child” in lines 4 and 6 in each instance the following:- or missing person