

SENATE No.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Morrissey, Michael (SEN)

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 further regulating the appointment of a health care agent.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Morrissey, Michael (SEN)

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Norfolk and Plymouth

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. S00965 OF 2007-2008.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE APPOINTMENT OF A HEALTH CARE AGENT.

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 2 of chapter 201D of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by adding the following paragraph:-

3 A competent adult who is unable to find a person willing to become a health care agent or
4 alternate health care agent for the adult may petition the probate court to appoint a health care
5 agent who shall be subject to this chapter.

6 SECTION 2. Section 7 of said chapter 201D, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting
7 after the word “proxy”, in line 3, the following words:- ; but, if the health care agent is one
8 appointed by a probate court, the court shall be given notice of the revocation in writing.