

By Mr. Koutoujian of Waltham, petition of Peter J. Koutoujian for legislation to provide for a study by the Department of Public Health of the regionalization of public health services in the commonwealth. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Seven.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO PUBLIC HEALTH REGIONALIZATION IN THE COMMONWEALTH.

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

1 Chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2004
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, after section 1,
3 the following section 1C:—
4 The department shall study regionalization of public health in
5 the commonwealth, including, but not limited to, proposals for
6 establishing an office of local health services in the department
7 and proposals for regionalizing local public health services; pro-
8 vided further, that the study shall identify public health resource
9 needs and funding sources for such management and operations
10 and an estimate of the projected costs for implementation of those
11 resource needs; provided further, that the study shall be conducted
12 in consultation with the Massachusetts Coalition for Local Public
13 Health and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Pro-
14 tection; and provided further, the department shall submit a copy
15 of the report to the speaker of the house and senate president, the
16 joint committee on public health, and the house and senate com-
17 mittees on ways and means six months after the inception of this
18 act.

