

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 336**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Jennifer E. Benson***

*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 regarding spouses as caregivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jose F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Joseph D. McKenna</i>	<i>18th Worcester</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Mathew Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Kevin J. Kuros</i>	<i>8th Worcester</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>

<i>Elizabeth A. Poirier</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>	<i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>RoseLee Vincent</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas P. Walsh</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Paul W. Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>David M. Nangle</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Alice Hanlon Peisch</i>	<i>14th Norfolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 336) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to spouses as caregivers. Elder Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court  
(2017-2018)**  
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An Act regarding spouses as caregivers.

*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 9 of Chapter 118E is hereby amended by adding in the second  
2 sentence of the second paragraph, after the words “requirements for Title XIX” the following  
3 new language:--

4           “Any program of home and community based services funded pursuant to the provisions  
5 of this chapter or pursuant to the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighteen G, in which  
6 family members are permitted to serve as paid caregivers, shall include spouses within the  
7 definition of family member; provided further, that the Executive Office of Health and Human  
8 Services shall file a state plan amendment or wavier application, as is required to allow spouses  
9 to serve as paid caregivers.”