

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 00599**

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

*Jason M. Lewis*

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 to provide personal care attendant orientation program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>31st Middlesex</i>
<i>John P. Fresolo</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>
<i>Paul J. Donato</i>	<i>35th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Mark</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>
<i>William N. Brownsberger</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Martin J. Walsh</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Kevin Aguiar</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>David B. Sullivan</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>

<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>
<i>Cleon H. Turner</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>
<i>Alice K. Wolf</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Thomas M. Petrolati</i>	<i>7th Hampden</i>
<i>Stephen Stat Smith</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>

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By Mr. Lewis of Winchester, petition (accompanied by Bill, House, No. 00599) of John P. Fresolo and others relative to the training of personal care attendants. Joint Committee on Public Health.

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In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act to provide personal care attendant orientation program.

*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 32(b) of Chapter 118G of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2006  
2 official edition, is hereby amended by inserting at the end the following: “The council and  
3 1199SEIU shall work jointly with other interested stakeholders to establish a new personal care  
4 attendant orientation program for all persons newly hired as a personal care attendant. Said  
5 orientation shall supplement and not replace training provided by consumers. Said orientation  
6 may include training on independent living principles, identifying and reporting of fraud and  
7 abuse, and workers’ rights and responsibilities. Said orientation shall be completed within four  
8 months of initial employment as a personal care attendant and shall take no longer than four  
9 hours to complete. Persons currently employed as a personal care attendant shall be exempt  
10 from the legal requirement to complete said orientation. Nothing in this section shall change or  
11 alter the PCA program principles of consumer direction and consumer control.”