

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 70**

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>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>
<i>James J. Dwyer</i>	<i>30th Middlesex</i>
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>6th Worcester</i>
<i>Ann-Margaret Ferrante</i>	<i>5th Essex</i>
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Carolyn C. Dykema</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>
<i>Kimberly N. Ferguson</i>	<i>1st Worcester</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Barbara L'Italien</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>

<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Timothy R. Madden</i>	<i>Barnstable, Dukes and Nantucket</i>
<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Peter V. Kocot</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>
<i>Danielle W. Gregoire</i>	<i>4th Middlesex</i>
<i>Eileen M. Donoghue</i>	<i>First Middlesex</i>
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>
<i>Linda Dorcena Forry</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Middlesex</i>
<i>Cory Atkins</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>
<i>Leah Cole</i>	<i>12th Essex</i>
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul Tucker</i>	<i>7th Essex</i>
<i>Carmine L. Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jerald A. Parisella</i>	<i>6th Essex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>

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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 70) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to spouses under the definition of family members serving as paid caregivers. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 73 OF 2013-2014.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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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.”