

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1134**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*John C. Velis*

*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 clarifying insurance liability for foster care providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/3/2023</i>

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1134) of John C. Velis, Joanne M. Comerford and James B. Eldridge for legislation to clarify insurance liability for foster care providers. The Judiciary.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act clarifying insurance liability for foster care providers.

*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 119 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 33C the  
2 following new section:-

3 **INSURANCE LIABILITY FOR FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS.**

4 Providers of foster care services for children and/or youth contracted by the state’s  
5 Department of Children and Families shall not be held liable for injury to persons or damage to  
6 property caused by negligence or other action(s) or inaction(s) of the state or its employees or  
7 other third parties.