

**SENATE . . . . . No. 1359**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Sal N. DiDomenico***

*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 the pediatric palliative care program.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1359) of Sal N. DiDomenico and Jason M. Lewis for legislation relative to the pediatric palliative care program. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 1409 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act regarding the pediatric palliative care 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 24K of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the following words:- “subject to  
3 appropriation”.

4 SECTION 2: Section 24K of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the figure “19” and inserting in place thereof  
6 the following figure:- “22”.

7 SECTION 3: Section 24K of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the following words:- "The program  
9 established by this section shall not give rise to enforceable legal rights in any party or an

10 enforceable entitlement to the services described in this section and nothing stated in this section  
11 shall be construed as giving rise to such enforceable legal rights or such enforceable  
12 entitlement", and inserting in place thereof the following words:-" All eligible children shall  
13 have access to these services. The department shall report caseload information and spending  
14 projections quarterly to the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees".