

**SENATE . . . . . No. 398**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Rebecca L. Rausch***

*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 relative to councils on aging.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>2/1/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>

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By Ms. Rausch, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 398) of Rebecca L. Rausch, Michael D. Brady, Susan Williams Gifford, Patrick M. O'Connor and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to councils on aging. Elder Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

An Act relative to councils on aging.

*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 8B of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in lines 2 and 3, after the words “carrying out  
3 programs” the following words:- and deliver services.

4           SECTION 2: Said section 8B of chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
5 by striking out, in line 3, the words “problems of the aging” and inserting in place thereof the  
6 following words:- needs of older adults.

7           SECTION 3: Said section 8B of chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
8 by striking out, in line 9, the words “such clerks” and inserting in place thereof the following  
9 word:- staff.

10           SECTION 4: Said section 8B of chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby further amended  
11 by inserting, in lines 9 and 10, after the words “as it may require” the following words:- ;

- 12 provided, that if the council is an advisory council, the director may appoint staff and other
- 13 employees as it may require consistent with municipal needs.