

**SENATE . . . . . No. 400**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Michael F. Rush***

*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 establishing a statewide adopt-a-senior program.**

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 400) of Michael F. Rush and Paul  
McMurtry for legislation to establish the adopt a senior program. Elder Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 427 OF 2021-2022.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act establishing a statewide adopt-a-senior 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 40 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following section:-

3 Section 41. The secretary shall, subject to appropriation or the receipt of gifts, grants,  
4 and awards from any public or private entity pursuant to section 7 of chapter 19A, establish a  
5 statewide “Adopt-A-Senior” volunteer program for the purpose of assisting seniors with snow  
6 removal, property or home maintenance services. The department shall have the power to adopt  
7 rules and regulations to administer this program which shall include, but not be limited to: (1)  
8 coordinating among agencies of the commonwealth and other organizations using community  
9 service and volunteerism as a strategy to assist with this program; (2) establishing a registry and  
10 registration of volunteer personnel who are available to provide services; (3) establishing

11 procedures for matching and placing individuals with seniors; (4) encouraging the corporate  
12 community of the commonwealth to become an active partner in the support, advocacy and  
13 promotion of community service and volunteerism relative to this program; and (5) establishing  
14 a system of volunteer incentives to assist with recruiting and registration of volunteers.