

SENATE No. 67

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joanne M. Comerford

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 allowing spouses to serve as caregivers.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: | |
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| <i>Joanne M. Comerford</i> | <i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i> | |
| <i>Adam Scanlon</i> | <i>14th Bristol</i> | <i>1/27/2023</i> |
| <i>Kelly W. Pease</i> | <i>4th Hampden</i> | <i>1/27/2023</i> |
| <i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i> | <i>Second Middlesex</i> | <i>1/27/2023</i> |
| <i>John C. Velis</i> | <i>Hampden and Hampshire</i> | <i>2/8/2023</i> |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i> | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i> | <i>2/15/2023</i> |
| <i>Susannah M. Whipps</i> | <i>2nd Franklin</i> | <i>2/15/2023</i> |
| <i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i> | <i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i> | <i>2/17/2023</i> |
| <i>Michael D. Brady</i> | <i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i> | <i>3/1/2023</i> |

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By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 67) of Joanne M. Comerford, Adam Scanlon, Kelly W. Pease, Patricia D. Jehlen and other members of the General Court for legislation to allow spouses to serve as caregivers. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 89 OF 2021-2022.]

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

An Act allowing spouses to serve 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. Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after
2 section 13L the following section:-

3 Section 13M. To the extent permitted under federal law, spouses shall be authorized to
4 serve as paid caregivers in the MassHealth program for the provision of certain home-based care
5 and services.

6 SECTION 2. The executive office of health and human services shall file a state plan
7 amendment or waiver application, as may be required, to implement this act no later than 6
8 months following the effective date of this act.