

HOUSE No. 268

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Adam J. Scanlon

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 spouses as caregivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Adam J. Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/19/2021</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/23/2021</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/1/2021</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>2/3/2021</i>
<i>Timothy R. Whelan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>2/15/2021</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>2/20/2021</i>
<i>David Allen Robertson</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/26/2021</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	<i>3/15/2021</i>
<i>Carol A. Doherty</i>	<i>3rd Bristol</i>	<i>4/12/2021</i>

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By Mr. Scanlon of North Attleborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 268) of Adam J. Scanlon and others for legislation to allow spouses to serve as paid caregivers. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act regarding spouses 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. Section 9 of Chapter 118E is hereby amended by adding in the second
2 sentence of the second paragraph, after the words “requirements for Title XIX” the following
3 new language:--

4 “Any program of home and community based services funded pursuant to the provisions
5 of this chapter or pursuant to the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighteen G, in which
6 family members are permitted to serve as paid caregivers, shall include spouses within the
7 definition of family member; provided further, that the Executive Office of Health and Human
8 Services shall file a state plan amendment or wavier application, as is required to allow spouses
9 to serve as paid caregivers.”