

HOUSE No. 601

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Paul Brodeur

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 home care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

Paul Brodeur

32nd Middlesex

Jason M. Lewis

Fifth Middlesex

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By Mr. Brodeur of Melrose, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 601) of Paul Brodeur and Jason M. Lewis relative to home care. Elder Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to home care.

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 13D of chapter 118E is hereby amended in the second paragraph by
2 adding after the words “as defined under section 71 of chapter 111” the following: and home
3 health agencies pursuant to Title XVIII, Section 1891 of the Social Security Act.

4 SECTION 2. Section 13D of Chapter 118E is further amended by adding, after the third
5 paragraph thereof, the following new paragraph: --

6 Rates for the home care program, as defined under sections 4 and 4B, of chapter 19A,
7 shall be adjusted on a biennial prospective basis by October 1st. The executive office shall
8 establish, in consultation with the executive office of elder affairs, a base purchase of service and
9 a base personnel and operations per client per month capitation for the home care and enhanced
10 community options programs, or successor programs, to be used in establishing biennial
11 capitations pursuant to the provisions of this section and section 13C. Said capitations shall be
12 based on operating costs for aging services access points. In calculating operating costs, the

13 executive office shall consider costs associated with providing similar services in both public and
14 private settings, including but not limited to costs associated with health insurance, employment
15 benefits and wage required by law; provided further compensation earned by homemakers and
16 personal care homemakers shall be no less than \$15 per hour by July 1, 2020 and shall increase
17 by \$.75 an hour commensurate to the increase in the state minimum wage, to \$15.75 per hour on
18 July 1, 2020, to \$16.50 on July 1, 2021, to \$17.25 per hour July 1, 2022 and to \$18.00 per hour
19 on July 1, 2023;