

SENATE No. 1409

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Sal N. DiDomenico

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 the pediatric palliative care program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	<i>3/2/2021</i>

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By Mr. DiDomenico, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1409) of Sal N. DiDomenico, Carmine Lawrence Gentile and James J. O'Day for legislation relative to the pediatric palliative care program. Public Health.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 1238 OF 2019-2020.]

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

An Act regarding the pediatric palliative care 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 24K of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the following words:- “subject to
3 appropriation”.

4 SECTION 2: Section 24K of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
5 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the figure “19” and inserting in place thereof
6 the following figure:- “22”.

7 SECTION 3: Section 24K of chapter 111 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018
8 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the following words:- "The program
9 established by this section shall not give rise to enforceable legal rights in any party or an

10 enforceable entitlement to the services described in this section and nothing stated in this section
11 shall be construed as giving rise to such enforceable legal rights or such enforceable
12 entitlement", and inserting in place thereof the following words:-" All eligible children shall
13 have access to these services. The department shall report caseload information and spending
14 projections quarterly to the House and Senate Ways and Means Committees".