

SENATE No. 727

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 spouses as caregivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Bruce E. Tarr

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

First Essex and Middlesex

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 727) of Bruce E. Tarr for legislation relative to spouses as caregivers. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to 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 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Secretary of Health and
2 Human Services in conjunction with the Secretary of Elder Affairs shall file an application to
3 seek a waiver with the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to amend the
4 Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ 1915(c) elderly waiver, and that any program of home and
5 community based services in which family members are permitted to serve as paid caregivers,
6 funded pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 118E shall include spouses within the definition of a
7 family member.