

SENATE No. 775

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 family members serving as caregivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	
<i>Robyn K. Kennedy</i>	<i>First Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Kelly W. Pease</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>1/26/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Patrick M. O'Connor</i>	<i>First Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>	<i>1/30/2023</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Hampden</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>John F. Keenan</i>	<i>Norfolk and Plymouth</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Lydia Edwards</i>	<i>Third Suffolk</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Michael J. Barrett</i>	<i>Third Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>

<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Hampden and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/8/2023</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>
<i>Danillo A. Sena</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/9/2023</i>

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 775) of Joan B. Lovely, Robyn K. Kennedy, Mathew J. Muratore, Michael D. Brady and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to family members serving as caregivers. Health Care Financing.

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

An Act relative to family members serving 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 12 of chapter 118E of the general laws is hereby amended by inserting, after
2 paragraph 4, the following paragraph:-

3 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, any program
4 of home and community based services funded pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, in
5 which family members are permitted to serve as caregivers paid by MassHealth, shall include
6 legally liable family members, including but not limited to biological, adoptive, foster or step
7 parents, legal guardians, powers of attorney, healthcare powers of attorney, and adult children of
8 care recipient, within the definition of family member; provided further, the executive office of
9 health and human services shall file a state plan amendment or waiver application, as may be
10 required, to allow legally liable family members to serve as caregivers paid by MassHealth.