

SENATE No. 808

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:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 808) of Bruce E. Tarr and Michael D. Brady for legislation relative to spouses as caregivers. Health Care Financing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 727 OF 2019-2020.]

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

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 SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Secretary of
2 Health and Human Services in conjunction with the Secretary of Elder Affairs shall file an
3 application to seek a waiver with the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to
4 amend the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ 1915(c) elderly waiver, and that any program of
5 home and community based services in which family members are permitted to serve as paid
6 caregivers, funded pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 118E shall include spouses within the
7 definition of a family member.