

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 639**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Adrian C. Madaro***

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*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 increasing awareness of community based PACE programs for older adults.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/13/2023</i>
<i>Daniel M. Donahue</i>	<i>16th Worcester</i>	<i>2/15/2023</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Lindsay N. Sabadosa</i>	<i>1st Hampshire</i>	<i>2/21/2023</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>	<i>3/6/2023</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/14/2023</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>3/14/2023</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/15/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>3/15/2023</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>3/31/2023</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>12/7/2023</i>
<i>Russell E. Holmes</i>	<i>6th Suffolk</i>	<i>12/7/2023</i>

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By Representative Madaro of Boston, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 639) of Adrian C. Madaro and others relative to increasing awareness of community based PACE programs for older adults. Elder Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 747 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act increasing awareness of community based PACE programs for older adults.

*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 4 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting in subsection (d) after the word “persons” the  
3 following words:-

4           including, but not limited to, providing information about the Program of all-inclusive  
5 care for the elderly (PACE) pursuant to 42 CFR Part 460.60;

6           SECTION 2. Section 4B of said chapter 19A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by  
7 inserting in subsection (1) of the fourth paragraph, after the words “referral services to elders”,  
8 the following words:-

9 provided, that said information and referral services shall include, but not be limited to,  
10 information about the Program of all-inclusive care for the elderly (PACE) pursuant to 42 CFR  
11 Part 460.60;

12 SECTION 3. Section 9 of chapter 118E of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2018  
13 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out the fourth paragraph and adding in place  
14 thereof the following paragraph:-

15 A person seeking admission to a long-term care facility paid for by MassHealth shall  
16 receive pre-admission counseling for long-term care services, which shall include an assessment  
17 of community-based service options including but not limited to the Program of all-inclusive  
18 care for the elderly (PACE) pursuant to CFR Part 460.60. A person seeking care in a long-term  
19 care facility on a private pay basis shall be offered pre-admission counseling. For the purposes of  
20 this section, pre-admission counseling shall be conducted by the executive office of health and  
21 human services or the executive office of elder affairs or their subcontractors. The executive  
22 office of elder affairs shall, in consultation with the office of acute and ambulatory care in the  
23 executive office of health and human services, study the advisability and feasibility of using  
24 certain Medicaid providers to provide pre-admission counseling. The division shall report to the  
25 general court on an annual basis the number of individuals who received pre-admission  
26 counseling under this section and the number of diversions to the community generated by the  
27 pre-admission counseling program.