

SENATE No. 1073

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Gale D. Candaras

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 spouses as caregivers.

PETITION OF:

| NAME: | DISTRICT/ADDRESS: |
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| <i>Gale D. Candaras</i> | |
| <i>Jennifer E. Benson</i> | <i>37th Middlesex</i> |
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| <i>Kenneth J. Donnelly</i> | |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i> | |
| <i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i> | |
| <i>Michael R. Knapik</i> | |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i> | <i>12th Hampden</i> |
| <i>Bruce E. Tarr</i> | |
| <i>Denise Provost</i> | <i>27th Middlesex</i> |
| <i>Benjamin Swan</i> | <i>11th Hampden</i> |

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By Ms. Candaras, petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1073) of Tarr, Swan, Puppolo and other members of the General Court for legislation to permit spouses to to serve as paid caregivers [Joint Committee on Public Health].

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Eleven

An Act regarding 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. Section 9 of Chapter 118 E is hereby amended by adding in the second
2 sentence of the second paragraph, after the words “requirements for Title XIX” the following
3 new language:-- Any program of home and community based services funded pursuant to the
4 provisions of this chapter or pursuant to the provisions chapter one hundred and eighteen G, in
5 which family members are permitted to serve as paid caregivers, shall include spouses within the
6 definition of family member.