

HOUSE No. 2019

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Jason M. Lewis

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 to provide personal care attendant orientation.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	<i>1/14/2013</i>
<i>Claire D. Cronin</i>	<i>11th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Carlo Basile</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	
<i>Josh S. Cutler</i>	<i>6th Plymouth</i>	
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	
<i>Ruth B. Balsler</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Carlos Henriquez</i>	<i>5th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Martha M. Walz</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	
<i>Christine E. Canavan</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	
<i>John J. Lawn, Jr.</i>	<i>10th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	
<i>Kenneth I. Gordon</i>	<i>21st Middlesex</i>	
<i>Cheryl A. Coakley-Rivera</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>	
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>9th Plymouth</i>	

<i>Jeffrey N. Roy</i>	<i>10th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Jeffrey Sánchez</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Patricia D. Jehlen</i>	<i>Second Middlesex</i>	
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Brian R. Mannal</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	
<i>Frank A. Moran</i>	<i>17th Essex</i>	
<i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i>	<i>13th Bristol</i>	
<i>Thomas P. Conroy</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Barry R. Finegold</i>	<i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Paul Brodeur</i>	<i>32nd Middlesex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>	
<i>Robert F. Fennell</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>	
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>	
<i>Paul R. Heroux</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	
<i>Gailanne M. Cariddi</i>	<i>1st Berkshire</i>	

HOUSE No. 2019

By Mr. Lewis of Winchester, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2019) of Jason M. Lewis and others relative to personal care attendant orientation. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

An Act to provide personal care attendant orientation.

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. Subsection (b) of section 74 of chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended in line 10 by inserting after the words “determined by the council” the following:-

3 An orientation shall be completed by all personal care attendants hired on or after January
4 1, 2014 within six months of the date of initial employment as a personal care attendant.

5 The council shall work jointly with interested stakeholders to establish the curriculum,
6 standards and processes of an orientation program for persons newly hired as personal care
7 attendants. The orientation program shall be offered at multiple locations across the
8 Commonwealth and shall include training on independent living principles, identifying and
9 reporting fraud and abuse, and workers’ rights and responsibilities. The orientation shall require
10 no more than three hours to complete.

11 The council shall also establish procedures for consumers to opt-out of the council
12 orientation, provided that a similar orientation is otherwise offered. However, even if the
13 consumer chooses to opt-out, all personal care attendants still shall retain the right to choose to
14 also attend a council orientation.

15 Nothing in this section shall be deemed to affect the personal care attendant program
16 principles of consumer control, including the consumer’s right to hire, train, direct, and dismiss
17 personal care attendants.