

HOUSE No. 73**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

Jennifer E. Benson*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:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>	<i>37th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Benjamin Swan</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>	
<i>Christopher G. Fallon</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	
<i>Louis L. Kafka</i>	<i>8th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>	
<i>Sarah K. Peake</i>	<i>4th Barnstable</i>	
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>	
<i>Bradley H. Jones, Jr.</i>	<i>20th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Anne M. Gobi</i>	<i>5th Worcester</i>	
<i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>	
<i>Stephen Kulik</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	
<i>James R. Miceli</i>	<i>19th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Tom Sannicandro</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Denise Andrews</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	

<i>Thomas J. Calter</i>	<i>12th Plymouth</i>	
<i>James M. Murphy</i>	<i>4th Norfolk</i>	
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Carl M. Sciortino, Jr.</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Kate Hogan</i>	<i>3rd Middlesex</i>	
<i>Chris Walsh</i>	<i>6th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Patricia A. Haddad</i>	<i>5th Bristol</i>	
<i>Jay R. Kaufman</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	
<i>Thomas P. Conroy</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	
<i>Theodore C. Speliotis</i>	<i>13th Essex</i>	

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By Ms. Benson of Lunenburg, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 73) of Jennifer E. Benson and others relative to spouses under the definition of family members serving as paid caregivers. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 46 OF 2011-2012.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand Thirteen

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 118E 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:--

4 “Any program of home and community based services funded pursuant to the provisions
5 of this chapter or pursuant to the provisions of chapter one hundred and eighteen G, in which
6 family members are permitted to serve as paid caregivers, shall include spouses within the
7 definition of family member.”