

**SENATE . . . . . No. 361**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Barbara A. L'Italien***

*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 home care services.

PETITION OF:

| NAME:                           | DISTRICT/ADDRESS:                    |
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| <i>Barbara A. L'Italien</i>     | <i>Second Essex and Middlesex</i>    |
| <i>Colleen M. Garry</i>         | <i>36th Middlesex</i>                |
| <i>Dennis A. Rosa</i>           | <i>4th Worcester</i>                 |
| <i>James J. Dwyer</i>           | <i>30th Middlesex</i>                |
| <i>Jason M. Lewis</i>           | <i>Fifth Middlesex</i>               |
| <i>Jennifer E. Benson</i>       | <i>37th Middlesex</i>                |
| <i>Angelo J. Puppolo, Jr.</i>   | <i>12th Hampden</i>                  |
| <i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>        | <i>14th Suffolk</i>                  |
| <i>William C. Galvin</i>        | <i>6th Norfolk</i>                   |
| <i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i> | <i>28th Middlesex</i>                |
| <i>James B. Eldridge</i>        | <i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>       |
| <i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>       | <i>25th Middlesex</i>                |
| <i>Kay Khan</i>                 | <i>11th Middlesex</i>                |
| <i>Mary S. Keefe</i>            | <i>15th Worcester</i>                |
| <i>Jennifer L. Flanagan</i>     | <i>Worcester and Middlesex</i>       |
| <i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>        | <i>9th Middlesex</i>                 |
| <i>Brian A. Joyce</i>           | <i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i> |
| <i>Jonathan Hecht</i>           | <i>29th Middlesex</i>                |

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| <i>Paul W. Mark</i>         | <i>2nd Berkshire</i>         |
| <i>Brian M. Ashe</i>        | <i>2nd Hampden</i>           |
| <i>Marcos A. Devers</i>     | <i>16th Essex</i>            |
| <i>Chris Walsh</i>          | <i>6th Middlesex</i>         |
| <i>Antonio F. D. Cabral</i> | <i>13th Bristol</i>          |
| <i>Stephen L. DiNatale</i>  | <i>3rd Worcester</i>         |
| <i>Kate Hogan</i>           | <i>3rd Middlesex</i>         |
| <i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>    | <i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i> |

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By Mrs. L'Italien, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 361) of Barbara L'Italien, Colleen M. Garry, Dennis A. Rosa, James J. Dwyer and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to home care services. Elder Affairs.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court  
(2015-2016)**  
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An Act regarding home care services.

*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 4A of Chapter 19A of the General Laws as appearing in the 2012 edition is  
2 hereby amended by striking out the following words: “The department shall establish a sliding  
3 fee scale to provide home care services for certain persons whose income exceeds the limits  
4 established under Title XX of the Social Security Act,” and inserting in place thereof the  
5 following words:- The department shall establish income eligibility to provide home care  
6 services for certain persons whose income does not exceed three hundred percent of the federal  
7 poverty level, and a sliding fee scale for certain persons receiving home care services whose  
8 income exceeds the limits established pursuant to the provisions of section 9 of chapter one  
9 hundred and eighteen E.