# HOUSE . . . . . . . . . . . . . No. 612

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

### Danielle W. Gregoire

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 promoting affordability of home care services.

#### PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex	1/10/2019
David M. Rogers	24th Middlesex	1/28/2019
Christine P. Barber	34th Middlesex	1/28/2019
Kenneth I. Gordon	21st Middlesex	1/29/2019
Mathew J. Muratore	1st Plymouth	1/29/2019
Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.	28th Middlesex	1/29/2019
Brian W. Murray	10th Worcester	1/29/2019
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	1/29/2019
Kay Khan	11th Middlesex	1/30/2019
Bradford Hill	4th Essex	1/30/2019
RoseLee Vincent	16th Suffolk	1/30/2019
James M. Murphy	4th Norfolk	1/30/2019
Carmine Lawrence Gentile	13th Middlesex	1/31/2019
Natalie M. Higgins	4th Worcester	1/31/2019
Brendan P. Crighton	Third Essex	1/31/2019
Paul McMurtry	11th Norfolk	1/31/2019
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex	1/31/2019
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex	1/31/2019

Todd M. Smola	1st Hampden	1/31/2019
Alan Silvia	7th Bristol	1/31/2019
Harold P. Naughton, Jr.	12th Worcester	1/31/2019
Tami L. Gouveia	14th Middlesex	1/31/2019
Alice Hanlon Peisch	14th Norfolk	1/31/2019
John C. Velis	4th Hampden	2/1/2019
Daniel Cahill	10th Essex	2/1/2019
Kate Hogan	3rd Middlesex	2/1/2019
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	2/1/2019
Nika C. Elugardo	15th Suffolk	2/1/2019
Paul Brodeur	32nd Middlesex	2/1/2019
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex	2/1/2019
Mindy Domb	3rd Hampshire	2/1/2019
Thomas M. Stanley	9th Middlesex	2/1/2019
Jack Patrick Lewis	7th Middlesex	2/1/2019
Steven S. Howitt	4th Bristol	2/1/2019
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	2/1/2019
Denise C. Garlick	13th Norfolk	2/1/2019
David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf	17th Worcester	2/1/2019
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex	2/1/2019
Marcos A. Devers	16th Essex	2/1/2019
Paul W. Mark	2nd Berkshire	2/1/2019
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex	2/1/2019
Linda Dean Campbell	15th Essex	2/1/2019
James M. Kelcourse	1st Essex	2/1/2019
Bruce J. Ayers	1st Norfolk	2/1/2019
Marc T. Lombardo	22nd Middlesex	2/1/2019
Paul F. Tucker	7th Essex	2/1/2019
James Arciero	2nd Middlesex	2/1/2019
Edward F. Coppinger	10th Suffolk	2/1/2019
Mark C. Montigny	Second Bristol and Plymouth	2/1/2019
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk	2/1/2019
Christina A. Minicucci	14th Essex	2/1/2019
Stephan Hay	3rd Worcester	2/1/2019
Steven Ultrino	33rd Middlesex	2/1/2019
Jay D. Livingstone	8th Suffolk	2/1/2019
Colleen M. Garry	36th Middlesex	2/1/2019
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	2/1/2019
David Allen Robertson	19th Middlesex	2/1/2019

Daniel J. Hunt	13th Suffolk	2/1/2019
Michael J. Barrett	Third Middlesex	2/1/2019
Carlos González	10th Hampden	2/1/2019
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	16th Middlesex	2/1/2019
Michael S. Day	31st Middlesex	2/1/2019
Julian Cyr	Cape and Islands	2/1/2019
Natalie M. Blais	1st Franklin	2/1/2019

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By Miss Gregoire of Marlborough, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 612) of Danielle W. Gregoire and others relative to fees for home care services for certain seniors. Elder Affairs.

### The Commonwealth of Alassachusetts

In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court (2019-2020)

An Act promoting affordability of 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:

Official Edition, in hereby amended striking out the text contained therein and inserting in place

SECTION 1. Section 4A of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016

thereof the following:--

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4 "Section 4A. The department shall establish a sliding fee scale to provide home care

services for certain persons whose income exceeds the limits established under Title XX of the

Social Security Act. On July first of each year, the department shall increase the financial

eligibility limits for home services, including the sliding fee scale, by a percentage equal to the

percentage increase in federal social security benefits for that fiscal year. The department shall

ensure that persons eligible for services based on established age and functional criteria shall

have access to care that is sufficiently affordable to prevent institutional long-term care

placements unless such placements are in the best medical interests of said eligible persons;

provided further, the department shall ensure that service recipients at or below the state median

income shall pay no more than 60% of the cost of applicable care plans. The department shall

- 14 forward to the house and senate committees on ways and means on or before March first of each
- year, a full report on the status of the home care program audit."