

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

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

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

HOUSE No. 612

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 Massachusetts

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:

1 SECTION 1. Section 4A of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2016
2 Official Edition, in hereby amended striking out the text contained therein and inserting in place
3 thereof the following:--

4 “Section 4A. The department shall establish a sliding fee scale to provide home care
5 services for certain persons whose income exceeds the limits established under Title XX of the
6 Social Security Act. On July first of each year, the department shall increase the financial
7 eligibility limits for home services, including the sliding fee scale, by a percentage equal to the
8 percentage increase in federal social security benefits for that fiscal year. The department shall
9 ensure that persons eligible for services based on established age and functional criteria shall
10 have access to care that is sufficiently affordable to prevent institutional long-term care
11 placements unless such placements are in the best medical interests of said eligible persons;
12 provided further, the department shall ensure that service recipients at or below the state median
13 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
- 15 year, a full report on the status of the home care program audit.”