

HOUSE No. 630

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Aaron Vega and Carmine Lawrence Gentile

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 relative to home care.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>
<i>James Arciero</i>	<i>2nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>
<i>Bruce J. Ayers</i>	<i>1st Norfolk</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>
<i>Daniel Cahill</i>	<i>10th Essex</i>
<i>Linda Dean Campbell</i>	<i>15th Essex</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>
<i>Edward F. Coppinger</i>	<i>10th Suffolk</i>
<i>Julian Cyr</i>	<i>Cape and Islands</i>
<i>Marjorie C. Decker</i>	<i>25th Middlesex</i>
<i>Marcos A. Devers</i>	<i>16th Essex</i>
<i>Sal N. DiDomenico</i>	<i>Middlesex and Suffolk</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>

<i>Nika C. Elugardo</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>3rd Berkshire</i>
<i>William C. Galvin</i>	<i>6th Norfolk</i>
<i>Sean Garballey</i>	<i>23rd Middlesex</i>
<i>Denise C. Garlick</i>	<i>13th Norfolk</i>
<i>Susan Williams Gifford</i>	<i>2nd Plymouth</i>
<i>Thomas A. Golden, Jr.</i>	<i>16th Middlesex</i>
<i>Carlos González</i>	<i>10th Hampden</i>
<i>Tami L. Gouveia</i>	<i>14th Middlesex</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>
<i>Stephan Hay</i>	<i>3rd Worcester</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>
<i>Bradford Hill</i>	<i>4th Essex</i>
<i>Donald F. Humason, Jr.</i>	<i>Second Hampden and Hampshire</i>
<i>Daniel J. Hunt</i>	<i>13th Suffolk</i>
<i>James M. Kelcourse</i>	<i>1st Essex</i>
<i>Kay Khan</i>	<i>11th Middlesex</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>
<i>Jack Patrick Lewis</i>	<i>7th Middlesex</i>
<i>Jason M. Lewis</i>	<i>Fifth Middlesex</i>
<i>Marc T. Lombardo</i>	<i>22nd Middlesex</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Joseph W. McGonagle, Jr.</i>	<i>28th Middlesex</i>
<i>Paul McMurtry</i>	<i>11th Norfolk</i>
<i>Joan Meschino</i>	<i>3rd Plymouth</i>
<i>Christina A. Minicucci</i>	<i>14th Essex</i>
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>
<i>Harold P. Naughton, Jr.</i>	<i>12th Worcester</i>
<i>Tram T. Nguyen</i>	<i>18th Essex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Denise Provost</i>	<i>27th Middlesex</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Middlesex</i>
<i>David M. Rogers</i>	<i>24th Middlesex</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Thomas M. Stanley</i>	<i>9th Middlesex</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>

<i>Walter F. Timitly</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>
<i>José F. Tosado</i>	<i>9th Hampden</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>4th Hampden</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>

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By Messrs. Vega of Holyoke and Gentile of Sudbury, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 630) of Aaron Vega, Carmine Lawrence Gentile and others relative to home care and enhanced community options programs. Elder Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to home care.

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 13D of chapter 118E is hereby amended in the second paragraph by
2 adding after the words “as defined under section 71 of chapter 111” the following: and home
3 health agencies pursuant to Title XVIII, Section 1891 of the Social Security Act.

4 SECTION 2. Section 13D of Chapter 118E is further amended by adding, after the third
5 paragraph thereof, the following new paragraph: --

6 Rates for the home care program, as defined under sections 4 and 4B, of chapter 19A,
7 shall be adjusted on a biennial prospective basis by October 1st. The executive office shall
8 establish, in consultation with the executive office of elder affairs, a base purchase of service and
9 a base personnel and operations per client per month capitation for the home care and enhanced
10 community options programs, or successor programs, to be used in establishing biennial
11 capitations pursuant to the provisions of this section and section 13C. Said capitations shall be
12 based on operating costs for aging services access points. In calculating operating costs, the

13 executive office shall consider costs associated with providing similar services in both the public
14 and private settings including but not limited to health insurance, employment benefits and wage
15 rates as required by law ; provided further that compensation earned by homemakers and
16 personal care homemakers shall be no less than \$15 per hour by July 1, 2020 and shall increase
17 by \$.75 an hour commensurate to the increase in the state minimum wage, to \$15.75 on July 1,
18 2021, to \$16.50 per hour July 1, 2022 and to \$17.25 per hour on July 1, 2023 and provided
19 further that said compensation shall be no less than 15 percent higher than the state minimum
20 wage thereafter.