

SENATE No. 727

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Bruce E. Tarr

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 spouses as caregivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>Michael O. Moore</i>	<i>Second Worcester</i>	<i>4/22/2019</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 727) of Bruce E. Tarr and Michael O. Moore for legislation relative to spouses as caregivers. Health Care Financing.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act relative to 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 Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the Secretary of Health and
2 Human Services in conjunction with the Secretary of Elder Affairs shall file an application to
3 seek a waiver with the Center for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS) to amend the
4 Commonwealth of Massachusetts' 1915(c) elderly waiver, and that any program of home and
5 community based services in which family members are permitted to serve as paid caregivers,
6 funded pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 118E shall include spouses within the definition of a
7 family member.