

SENATE No. 427

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Michael F. Rush

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 establishing a statewide adopt-a-senior program.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Michael F. Rush</i>	<i>Norfolk and Suffolk</i>	
<i>Steven S. Howitt</i>	<i>4th Bristol</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Steven G. Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>2/18/2021</i>
<i>Brian M. Ashe</i>	<i>2nd Hampden</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Jessica Ann Giannino</i>	<i>16th Suffolk</i>	<i>2/23/2021</i>
<i>Carmine Lawrence Gentile</i>	<i>13th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/25/2021</i>
<i>John H. Rogers</i>	<i>12th Norfolk</i>	<i>3/1/2021</i>

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By Mr. Rush, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 427) of Michael F. Rush, Steven S. Howitt, Steven G. Xiarhos, Brian M. Ashe and other members of the General Court for legislation to establish the adopt a senior program. Elder Affairs.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 377 OF 2019-2020.]

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Second General Court
(2021-2022)**

An Act establishing a statewide adopt-a-senior program.

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 40 of chapter 19A of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2014
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting the following section:-

3 Section 41. The secretary shall, subject to appropriation or the receipt of gifts, grants,
4 and awards from any public or private entity pursuant to section 7 of chapter 19A, establish a
5 statewide “Adopt-A-Senior” volunteer program for the purpose of assisting seniors with snow
6 removal, property or home maintenance services. The department shall have the power to adopt
7 rules and regulations to administer this program which shall include, but not be limited to: (1)
8 coordinating among agencies of the commonwealth and other organizations using community
9 service and volunteerism as a strategy to assist with this program; (2) establishing a registry and
10 registration of volunteer personnel who are available to provide services; (3) establishing

11 procedures for matching and placing individuals with seniors; (4) encouraging the corporate
12 community of the commonwealth to become an active partner in the support, advocacy and
13 promotion of community service and volunteerism relative to this program; and (5) establishing
14 a system of volunteer incentives to assist with recruiting and registration of volunteers.