

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 216**

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

*Adam Scanlon and Norman J. Orrall*

*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 allowing spouses to serve as caregivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Adam Scanlon</i>	<i>14th Bristol</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Norman J. Orrall</i>	<i>12th Bristol</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>
<i>Samantha Montaño</i>	<i>15th Suffolk</i>	<i>1/23/2023</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>David Henry Argosky LeBoeuf</i>	<i>17th Worcester</i>	<i>1/25/2023</i>
<i>James K. Hawkins</i>	<i>2nd Bristol</i>	<i>1/27/2023</i>
<i>Vanna Howard</i>	<i>17th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/31/2023</i>
<i>Steven Ultrino</i>	<i>33rd Middlesex</i>	<i>2/2/2023</i>
<i>Michelle M. DuBois</i>	<i>10th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/7/2023</i>
<i>Mathew J. Muratore</i>	<i>1st Plymouth</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Patrick Joseph Kearney</i>	<i>4th Plymouth</i>	<i>2/10/2023</i>
<i>Susannah M. Whipps</i>	<i>2nd Franklin</i>	<i>2/14/2023</i>
<i>Colleen M. Garry</i>	<i>36th Middlesex</i>	<i>2/16/2023</i>
<i>Jacob R. Oliveira</i>	<i>Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester</i>	<i>2/17/2023</i>
<i>Natalie M. Blais</i>	<i>1st Franklin</i>	<i>2/19/2023</i>
<i>Michael D. Brady</i>	<i>Second Plymouth and Norfolk</i>	<i>3/1/2023</i>
<i>Michelle L. Ciccolo</i>	<i>15th Middlesex</i>	<i>3/21/2023</i>
<i>Steven George Xiarhos</i>	<i>5th Barnstable</i>	<i>3/22/2023</i>

<i>Christopher Richard Flanagan</i>	<i>1st Barnstable</i>	<i>3/23/2023</i>
<i>Patricia A. Duffy</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>	<i>3/30/2023</i>
<i>Mindy Domb</i>	<i>3rd Hampshire</i>	<i>4/8/2023</i>
<i>Joan B. Lovely</i>	<i>Second Essex</i>	<i>4/12/2023</i>
<i>Lydia Edwards</i>	<i>Third Suffolk</i>	<i>4/13/2023</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>	<i>5/4/2023</i>
<i>Todd M. Smola</i>	<i>1st Hampden</i>	<i>5/8/2023</i>
<i>Mike Connolly</i>	<i>26th Middlesex</i>	<i>5/11/2023</i>
<i>Tricia Farley-Bouvier</i>	<i>2nd Berkshire</i>	<i>5/17/2023</i>
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	<i>7/20/2023</i>
<i>Kip A. Diggs</i>	<i>2nd Barnstable</i>	<i>11/2/2023</i>
<i>James C. Arena-DeRosa</i>	<i>8th Middlesex</i>	<i>11/14/2023</i>
<i>Jennifer Balinsky Armini</i>	<i>8th Essex</i>	<i>11/14/2023</i>
<i>Adrian C. Madaro</i>	<i>1st Suffolk</i>	<i>11/15/2023</i>

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By Representatives Scanlon of North Attleborough and Orrall of Lakeville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 216) of Adam Scanlon, Norman J. Orrall and others relative to allowing spouses to serve as caregivers in the MassHealth program for home-based care and services. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**

An Act allowing spouses to serve 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 SECTION 1. Chapter 118E of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after  
2 section 13L the following section:-

3 Section 13M. To the extent permitted under federal law, spouses shall be authorized to  
4 serve as paid caregivers in the MassHealth program for the provision of certain home-based care  
5 and services.

6 SECTION 2. The executive office of health and human services shall file a state plan  
7 amendment or waiver application, as may be required, to implement this act no later than 6  
8 months following the effective date of this act.