

SENATE No. 67

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joanne M. Comerford

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:	
Joanne M. Comerford	Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester	
Adam J. Scanlon	14th Bristol	1/27/2023
Kelly W. Pease	4th Hampden	1/27/2023
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex	1/27/2023
John C. Velis	Hampden and Hampshire	2/8/2023
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	2/15/2023
Susannah M. Whipps	2nd Franklin	2/15/2023
Jacob R. Oliveira	Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester	2/17/2023
Michael D. Brady	Second Plymouth and Norfolk	3/1/2023
Paul W. Mark	Berkshire, Hampden, Franklin and Hampshire	3/20/2023
Joan B. Lovely	Second Essex	4/12/2023
Lydia Edwards	Third Suffolk	4/14/2023
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	7/21/2023

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By Ms. Comerford, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 67) of Joanne M. Comerford, Adam Scanlon, Kelly W. Pease, Patricia D. Jehlen and other members of the General Court for legislation to allow spouses to serve as caregivers. Children, Families and Persons with Disabilities.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE SENATE, NO. 89 OF 2021-2022.]

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