

SENATE No. 1134

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

John C. Velis

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 clarifying insurance liability for foster care providers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>John C. Velis</i>	<i>Hampden and Hampshire</i>	
<i>Joanne M. Comerford</i>	<i>Hampshire, Franklin and Worcester</i>	<i>2/28/2023</i>
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/3/2023</i>

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By Mr. Velis, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1134) of John C. Velis, Joanne M. Comerford and James B. Eldridge for legislation to clarify insurance liability for foster care providers. The Judiciary.

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

An Act clarifying insurance liability for foster care providers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 119 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 33C the
2 following new section:-

3 **INSURANCE LIABILITY FOR FOSTER CARE PROVIDERS.**

4 Providers of foster care services for children and/or youth contracted by the state’s
5 Department of Children and Families shall not be held liable for injury to persons or damage to
6 property caused by negligence or other action(s) or inaction(s) of the state or its employees or
7 other third parties.