

HOUSE No. 4301

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 28, 2025.

The committee on Aging and Independence, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 765) of Kate Donaghue, Christine P. Barber and others relative to councils on aging, reports recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 4301) ought to pass.

For the committee,

THOMAS M. STANLEY.

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court
(2025-2026)**

An Act relative to councils on aging.

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 8B of chapter 40 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2020
2 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting, in lines 2 and 3, after the words “carrying out
3 programs” the following words:- and delivering services.

4 SECTION 2: Said section 8B of chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
5 by striking out, in line 3, the words “problems of the aging” and inserting in place thereof the
6 following words:- needs of older adults.

7 SECTION 3: Said section 8B of chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
8 by striking out, in line 9, the words “such clerks” and inserting in place thereof the following
9 word:- staff.

10 SECTION 4: Said section 8B of chapter 40, as so appearing, is hereby further amended
11 by inserting, in lines 9 and 10, after the words “as it may require” the following words:- ;
12 provided, that if the council is an advisory council, the director may appoint staff and other
13 employees as it may require consistent with municipal needs.