

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 765**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Kate Donaghue and Christine P. Barber***

*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 relative to councils on aging.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Kate Donaghue</i>	<i>19th Worcester</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Christine P. Barber</i>	<i>34th Middlesex</i>	<i>1/15/2025</i>
<i>Natalie M. Higgins</i>	<i>4th Worcester</i>	<i>2/7/2025</i>
<i>Rebecca L. Rausch</i>	<i>Norfolk, Worcester and Middlesex</i>	<i>2/7/2025</i>
<i>Bud L. Williams</i>	<i>11th Hampden</i>	<i>4/22/2025</i>
<i>Tackey Chan</i>	<i>2nd Norfolk</i>	<i>4/23/2025</i>

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By Representatives Donaghue of Westborough and Barber of Somerville, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 765) of Kate Donaghue, Christine P. Barber and others relative to councils on aging. Elder Affairs.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 624 OF 2023-2024.]

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