

SENATE . . . . . No. 886

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Joan B. Lovely

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 family members serving as caregivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
Joan B. Lovely	Second Essex	
Michael J. Barrett	Third Middlesex	2/4/2025
Hannah Kane	11th Worcester	2/4/2025
James K. Hawkins	2nd Bristol	2/12/2025
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	2/21/2025
John F. Keenan	Norfolk and Plymouth	2/21/2025
Patrick M. O'Connor	First Plymouth and Norfolk	2/21/2025
Manny Cruz	7th Essex	2/26/2025
Michael D. Brady	Second Plymouth and Norfolk	3/3/2025
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	3/3/2025
Robyn K. Kennedy	First Worcester	3/10/2025
Michael O. Moore	Second Worcester	3/21/2025
Nick Collins	First Suffolk	3/25/2025
Julian Cyr	Cape and Islands	3/27/2025
Bruce E. Tarr	First Essex and Middlesex	4/2/2025
Bradley H. Jones, Jr.	20th Middlesex	4/4/2025
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	4/8/2025
Paul R. Feeney	Bristol and Norfolk	4/28/2025

*Pavel M. Payano*

*First Essex*

*6/30/2025*

*Jacob R. Oliveira*

*Hampden, Hampshire and Worcester*

*9/3/2025*

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By Ms. Lovely, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 886) of Joan B. Lovely, Michael J. Barrett, Hannah Kane, James K. Hawkins and other members of the General Court for legislation relative to family members serving as caregivers. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 775 OF 2023-2024.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Fourth General Court  
(2025-2026)**  
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An Act relative to family members serving 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 12 of chapter 118E of the general laws is hereby amended by inserting, after  
2 paragraph 4, the following paragraph:-

3           Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, any program  
4 of home and community based services funded pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, in  
5 which family members are permitted to serve as caregivers paid by MassHealth, shall include  
6 legally liable family members, including but not limited to biological, adoptive, foster or step  
7 parents, legal guardians, powers of attorney, healthcare powers of attorney, and adult children of  
8 care recipient, within the definition of family member; provided further, the executive office of  
9 health and human services shall file a state plan amendment or waiver application, as may be  
10 required, to allow legally liable family members to serve as caregivers paid by MassHealth.