

**SENATE . . . . . No. 914**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Bruce E. Tarr***

*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 spouses as caregivers.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	
<i>Bruce E. Tarr</i>	<i>First Essex and Middlesex</i>	
<i>James B. Eldridge</i>	<i>Middlesex and Worcester</i>	<i>3/4/2025</i>
<i>Peter J. Durant</i>	<i>Worcester and Hampshire</i>	<i>3/17/2025</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>First Suffolk</i>	<i>4/7/2025</i>

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By Mr. Tarr, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 914) of Bruce E. Tarr and James B. Eldridge for legislation relative to spouses as caregivers. Health Care Financing.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE SENATE, NO. 808 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 spouses 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           Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the secretary of health and  
2 human services, in conjunction with the secretary of elder affairs, shall take action, including  
3 requesting federal approval, if required, to permit spouses to serve as paid caregivers in the  
4 MassHealth program. Any federal approvals that may be required to implement this section shall  
5 be filed no later than 6 months after the effective date of this act.”.